



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Public Safety Commission Meeting - 05/15/2025

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Meeting held via Zoom

I. Roll Call

Commissioner James Doyle - Present

Vice Chair Rev. Billy Burris - Present

Commissioner Anna Morshedi - Present

Chair Johnny Gilbert, Jr. - Present

Secretary Zeorneé Herts - Present

Commissioner Kambrei Charles - Present

Commissioner Kate Moffitt - Present

New Commissioners

- Commissioner CJ Fowler, Ward 3
- Commissioner Alex Lopez, At-Large

II. Opening Comments

a. Public Safety Commissioners

- Commissioner Fowler: Shared background as a minister at Second Baptist Downtown, connection to violence intervention work via spouse, and desire to serve the community.
- Commissioner Lopez: Shared EMS background, personal experience with violent crime, and motivation to serve on the Commission.

- Lynette Perez, Chief Deputy City Attorney, introduced herself for the sake of the new commissioners and explained:

- FOIA compliance procedures.
- Support offered by City Attorney's Office.
- Distribution of videos on FOIA and Robert's Rules of Order.

- Commissioner Morshedi -

- National Gun Violence Awareness Day / Wear Orange Day:
 - Scheduled for Saturday, June 7, from 2–4 PM at the Awareness Center, 900 South Pine.
 - Hosted by Moms Demand Action with partner organizations in attendance.
 - Commissioners encouraged to attend and promote.Discussion followed about highlighting this event in future meetings and partnering with vendors in attendance.

b. **Staff Liaison** – Christopher Harvey, Senior Advisor to the Mayor

- Mr. Harvey previewed upcoming Safe Summer Stronger City initiative.
- Multi-department collaboration (LRPD, FIRE, Parks, 911, Zoo, Housing, etc.)
 - Events and youth engagement activities throughout the summer.
 - Website launch forthcoming.
- Job Fair for youth (ages 16–21) scheduled for June 5.
- Related to summer employment under “Career Climb.”

III. Previous Meeting Follow-Up

- a. April Meeting lacked quorum. No votes taken.
Discussion of March 2024 Meeting Minutes:
- Motion to adopt minutes by Commissioner Burris, Seconded by Commissioner Doyle: Passed unanimously.
- b. Review of draft letter addressed to LRSD Superintendent and Boys & Girls Club:
- Regarding unsafe walking conditions for students near Wakefield Elementary.
 - Motion to approve and send letter by Commissioner Herts, Seconded by Commissioner Burris: Passed unanimously.
 - Commissioners' names to be added; official letter to be sent on city letterhead.
 - A copy will also be shared with Boys & Girls Club and Ms. Dawn Jeffries (original citizen concern).
 - Discussion on potential collaboration with Wakefield PTA and local school board member.

On behalf of Chief Helton - **Police Department Update**

- a. Laura Martin (LRPD) reported:
 - Launch of specialized squad to prevent car caravanning activity.
 - Emphasis on proactive monitoring of common gathering areas.

Mark Edwards (LRPD) extended offer to provide commission members a tour of the Real-Time Crime Center.

Commissioners encouraged to do ride-alongs and stay engaged with LRPD efforts.

Summary: LRPD is preparing summer patrols to curb illegal car gatherings.

Discussion: Emphasis on proactive engagement, with offers for tours and ride-alongs.

III. Citizen Communication - none present

- a. Limited to three (3) minutes per person, with a maximum of 21 minutes allowed.

i. No more than seven (7) speakers total.

IV. New Business

- a. Proposal to move monthly meetings from the third Thursday to the fourth Thursday of each month:
 - Agreement to move June's meeting to Thursday, June 26 due to Juneteenth.
 - Further discussion to follow for long-term scheduling changes.
- Summary: Adjustment of meeting date proposed and supported; long-term calendar changes to be discussed next month.
- Motion: Tentative approval of date change for June meeting.

Adjournment - 7:20 pm - Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously accepted.