

August 28, 2024 Memorandum of Discussion

Note: A quorum of members was present to conduct business, but less than 50% of those present appeared in person, as required under the Indiana Open Door Law. As such, a meeting of the CAPS Commission was not held; and instead held a brief discussion between individual CAPS Commission members as well as non-Commission members of the public. The discussion remained available to the public, was recorded, and a summary of the discussion follows.

Present:

In person: Jason Michálek, Todd Mullins

Virtual: Nejla Routsong (left at 4:55 pm) Kamala Brown-Sparks (arrived at 4:58 pm)

City staff present: Taylor Brown, Colleen Williamson

Absent:

Jenna Buckner, Todd Shaffer

Dr. Kathleen Sobiech and Alec Iruri-Tucker from Indiana University discussed their policy assessment of the 2023 CAPS Alternative Safety Report with CAPS Commission members.

Commissioner Michálek confirmed that informal reports could be given by individual members.

Member of the public Terry Amsler made a public comment on the discussion of the CAPS Alternative Public Safety Report.

Commissioner Brown-Sparks had no reports to share.

Commissioner Michálek had no reports.

Commissioner Mullins shared an individual reading recommendation for the article “Disaggregating the Policing Function” in Penn Law Review.

Commissioner Brown-Sparks and Commissioner Michálek gave an informal committee report, with Brown-Sparks stating that the Outreach Committee was struggling with attendance. Commissioner Michálek stated that with the upcoming interviews of CAPS applicants, they may be able to pull more people for the Committee.

Staff Liaison Williamson shared that the interviews would need to be rescheduled due to council member illness, and the interviews were not yet rescheduled.

Commissioner Michálek continued the informal report on the Outreach Committee, discussing outreach with individual council members, and attending the Council’s Consensus Building Activity sessions and giving feedback to the Council.

Staff Liaison Williamson gave an informal state report stating that staffing issues in the office led to issues with staff availability and that there were no staff available for CAPS September 25th Regular Session meeting and that rescheduling would be possible. Additionally mentioned

the Council's upcoming September 11th CBA. Williamson also mentioned that Councilmember Flaherty praised the Commission's Alternative Public Safety Report in the 2025 Departmental Budget Hearings.

Amsler asked a question about the NOVAC report from the previous City administration and if there was an update about the report with regards to the Commission. The question was answered by Staff member Taylor Brown, but it was not picked up by the mic.

Brown additionally asked to be forwarded the slides from Sobiech's discussion.

No other public comments.