

Memorandum

Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission

Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Allison Conference Room (#225), Showers Building, 401 N. Morton Street

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:23 p.m.

Commission members present in person: Robert Freeman-Day, Erin McNeil, Karshin Nair, Birgit Newman, Cale Ulery

Commission members present over Zoom: Kamala Brown-Sparks, Jason Michálek

Commission members absent: Sharon Wainshilbaum

City staff and elected officials present: Kari Bennett, Christine Chang, City Councilmember Isabel Piedmont-Smith.

Members of the public present: none

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda and Approval of Memoranda/Minutes

Cm. Freeman-Day moved and it was seconded to amend the agenda order to move new business before old business. Passed 7-0.

Agenda for the next meeting discussed: elect new co-chairs.

Reports

Co-chairs Cm. Freeman-Day and Cm. Michálek announced they will not be renewing their appointments.

Cm. Brown-Sparks moved and Cm. Freeman-Day seconded to cancel the December 18, 2025 meeting and hold the next meeting on January 22, 2026. Passed 7-0.

There were no other reports or public comment.

New Business

Councilmember Piedmont-Smith presented on Community Responder Programs, including benefits, common features, Bloomington's current options, and examples of programs in other cities. Commission members asked questions and had discussion on the information presented.

Councilmember Piedmont-Smith also brought up a line item in the City's 2025 budget: \$10,000 for a 911 call study.

Commission members discussed sending an email to the Mayor's Office to ask about the status of that study. They drafted the e-mail. Cm. Michálek moved and Cm. McNeil seconded to approve the message to be sent by Cm. Freeman-Day. Passed 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:34 p.m.