

# CITIZENS' PANEL FOR REVIEW OF POLICE COMPLAINTS AND USE OF FORCE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2025

## 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

**Chairperson Diefenbacher** called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 PM

### Members in Attendance:

Chairperson Jason Diefenbacher  
Vice Chair Flor Martinez  
Panel member Sam Enoch  
Panel member Dawn Vukadinovich  
Panel member Gina Giammona  
Panel member Hilary HC Jenkins  
Panel member Jill Slavin  
Panel member Josh Whitaker  
Panel member Joseph Yang  
Panel member Annette Ruiz

### Members Absent:

Panel member James Bogert  
Panel member Jeff Jones  
Panel member Allen Leibowitz  
Panel member Debra Schinke  
Panel member Chris Tiller

### Staff in Attendance:

Assistant Chief of Police Melissa Deanda  
Cmdr. Daniel Shellum  
Sgt. Ryan Andrews  
Sgt. Dan Greene  
Det. Danielle Stein  
Det. Brian Morgenthaler  
Ean White, Assistant City Attorney  
Pamela Leon, Staff Liaison

## **2. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/CALL TO PUBLIC**

- a. Citizen Complaint – Brian Vaughn

## **3. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. Minutes of July 8, 2025

There was a clerical error on the July 8, 2025, meeting minutes. The clerical error was corrected in the meeting minutes.

**Panel member Ruiz** moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025, Citizens' Panel for Review of Police Complaints and Use of Force meeting. **Panel member Whitaker** seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by **all Panel members** present.

## **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. None

## **5. ACTION AGENDA**

- a. **Review and discuss the Shooting Incident of October 24, 2025, presented by Det. Morgenthaler (2024-118856).**

**Panel member Enoch** moved to approve the findings of the shooting investigation. **Panel member Vukadinovich** seconded the motion. The findings of the investigation were approved by **all Panel members** present.

The motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Presentation by Professional Standards Section Acting Commander, Sgt. Andrews**

Sgt. Andrews provided the Panel with an overview of the Professional Standards Section and its responsibilities related to the complaint review and policy compliance. He explained the Internal Affairs administrative investigation process and distinguished it from the criminal investigative process, including an overview of how officer-involved shootings are investigated. Sgt. Andrews outlined the general steps of these investigations

and noted how findings are documented and reported to command staff to ensure accountability and transparency.

**c. Use of Force Summary Quarter 2 2025**

There were questions and discussion, but no questions specific to the use of force. **Panel member Vukadinovich** moved to approve the summary, seconded by **Panel member Yang**. The motion was approved by **all Panel members** present.

**d. Election of Officers: Chair and Vice Chair**

**Panel member Whitaker** nominated Chairperson Diefenbacher to serve as Chair. **Panel member Yang** seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously.

**Panel member Whitaker** nominated Vice Chair Martinez to serve as Vice Chair. **Panel member Yang** seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously.

**6. Discussion**

a. None

**7. CALENDAR/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Panel member Yang** inquired about holding a holiday gathering. After discussion and consideration of open meeting law requirements, it was agreed that the Panel may hold a holiday gathering; however, it cannot be hosted at the Police Department.

The Panel expressed appreciation for the opportunity to gather in a setting that supports fellowship while remaining compliant with applicable regulations.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Panel member Enoch** moved to adjourn, seconded by **Panel member Yang**. The motion was approved by **all Panel members present**, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:33 p.m.