

Community Police Commission (CPC) Monthly Meeting

July 1, 2026

In-Person & Via Webex Conference Call

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Attendance

CPC Attendees:

Raven Tyler, Joel Merkel, Anthony Gaedcke, Arlecier West, Joseph Seia, Jeremy Holmes, Rick Williams, Le'Jayah Washington, Ken Nsimbi, Tascha Johnson, and Jen Carl

CPC Absences: Mark Mullens and Erika Newman

CPC Staff: Eci Ameh, Taryn Darling, Josette Wicker, Mario Teulilo, Mergitu Argo, Celia Jackson, and Masooma Ibrahim

Review Agenda and Minutes

Motion to approve the draft agenda for 7/1/2026

Moved: Commissioner Tyler | **Seconded:** Commissioner Nsimbi

Opposed: 0 | **Abstentions:** 0

Action: Motion to approve the draft minutes for May 6, 2026

Moved: Commissioner West | **Seconded:** Commissioner Johnson

Opposed: 0 | **Abstentions:** 0

Approved by voice vote.

Public Comment

- **Public Comment One:** Speaking on behalf of Proactive Persistent People for Progress (P4). Supports CPC's efforts to secure the budget necessary to fulfill the ordinance and hopes the Mayor and City Council see the wisdom in supporting the CPC financially as it does other accountability partners. Appreciates the effort to support the full implementation of Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE). Supports CPC's participation in the Force Review Board. Supports any efforts made by the CPC to set parameters of the NetSpark contract.
- **Public Comment Two:** July marks the anniversary of three individuals' deaths by SPD. The King County Inquest Program were split at the last hearing and there's another one coming up. Previously provided a list of suggestions to the CPC. Recommends an affected persons program.

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- If you have any questions, please reach out to CPC Executive Assistant Josette Wicker.

Bylaw Amendment

Article 11 amendments

- Amendment to Article (3)III.F: Clarifies the definition of “attended” to require that Commissioners attend the entirety of scheduled meetings to be eligible for stipends.

Amendment to the proposed amendment by Commissioner Tyler to add “ten-minute grace period” to the amendment.

Second: Commissioner Holmes

- **Discussion:**
 - Commissioner Washington: Feels vague. What if meeting goes beyond the scheduled meeting time? Does that grace period go at the beginning of that end?

Commissioner Tyler provided clarity to the amendment by adding “**scheduled meeting time**”.

- Attorney Joe Levan: Noted that a two-thirds majority of the commission is needed to pass a bylaw. Will vote on the proposed new language and then vote to adopt the amendment.

Vote to approve the proposed amendment: Commissioners may request stipends pursuant to Ordinance 126860.^[1] Stipends are intended to offset the financial burden incurred as a result of participating in Commission business. In order to receive a stipend for a given month, the requesting Commissioner shall have attended **the entirety of** each regularly scheduled Commission meeting and **the entirety of** at least one assigned Workgroup or Standing Committee meeting. **There shall be a ten-minute grace period during the scheduled meeting time.** Requests for stipends shall be submitted to the Executive Director. There shall be no stipends awarded for service rendered prior to a request to the Executive Director.

Favor: Commissioner Tyler, Commissioner Merkel, Commissioner Gaedacke, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner West, Commissioner Nsimbi, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Carl, and Commissioner Holmes.

Opposed: Commissioner Washington and Commissioner Newman.

Abstain: None.

Motion passed.

Vote to adopt the proposed amendment to the Bylaws as Article (3) III.F.

First: Commissioner Nsimbi | **Second:** Commissioner West

Discussion: None.

Favor: Commissioner Tyler, Commissioner Merkel, Commissioner Gaedacke, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner West, Commissioner Nsimbi, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Carl, and Commissioner Holmes.

Opposed: Commissioner Washington and Commissioner Newman.

Abstain: None.

Motion passed.

- Commissioner West: Asked for a reminder of the two bylaws passed.
- Attorney Levan: The bylaw amendment passed last month states that commissioners must be on camera unless under special circumstances.
- Commissioner Merkel: The bylaw amendment from today was listed on the screen.

Department Updates

- **City Council:**
 - Councilmember (CM) Lin (Legislative Assistant (LA), Garrett Moore): Touring the Seattle Police Athletic Association next week to discuss what has been done and what needs to be done to mitigate noise from the gun range, as it's affecting constituents in CM Lin's district. Involving the King County Council, as the location is outside of the city.
 - Commissioner Nsimbi: Can CPC join, or is it invite-only?
 - LA Moore will follow up to see if he can join.
 - Commissioner West: What community has expressed this issue?
 - LA Moore: Majority from Rainier Beach. Residents in Tukwila and Skyway report similar issues.
 - Commissioner Washington: Appreciate addressing the issue. Toured the facility previously through the Policy Workgroup. Maybe commissioners can go on another tour again.
 - CPC Executive Director (ED), Eci Ameh: SPD has offered, and staff is happy to make that arrangement.
- **OPA Update** (Policy Manager, Justin Piccorelli): Received an update from SPD on a Management Action Recommendation (MAR) regarding indecent exposure. OPA's Community Outreach team recently attended a few community events.

- o ED Ameh: Community member concerned about getting information on an OPA closed case and being directed to the public disclosure process. Providing this information to help coordinate a response at a future CPC meeting.
- o Commissioner Nsimbi: Asked for clarification on the indecent exposure MAR.
- o Commissioner Washington: The language could currently be vague.
- **OIG update** (Deputy Inspector General, Alyssa Perez-Morrison): Currently monitoring FIFA World Cup activity. Published memos on the Force Review Board and another relating to the Involuntary Treatment Act. Disseminated an ordinance to the council.
- **SPD update** (Assistant Chief (AC), Tyrone Davis): Successful Seattle Pride weekend and FIFA games so far. Mayor's Office has taken the lead on credible threats. Limited use of CCTVs. Positive community feedback from Pride weekend. Really trying to rebuild and repair trust in the LGBTQ+ community. Incorporated advisory council's input into SPD's safety plan.
 - o Commissioner West: Were the officers at May event at the Pride event? Was told the officers at the May event were a special group focused on crowd management.
 - AC Davis: Not aware if it's the same people. There's some litigation related to that event so limited on what they can share at this moment.
 - o Commissioner West: Noticed during FIFA and Pride weekend, there's a big presence of officers, and our homeless community is not present. What is SPD's plan to make sure safety is still afforded to the rest of Seattle when FIFA isn't here?
 - AC Davis: Always work to keep people safe and encourage people to call 911 when it makes sense. Also rely on public safety partners like Community Assisted Response and Engagement (CARE) team. Had the benefit of having extra staffing and mutual aid partners to keep the environment safe.
 - o CPC Policy Director (PD), Taryn Darling: CPC issued a series of questions and a meeting with SPD to discuss school safety. Received a response recently saying you'll respond in the middle of July.
 - AC Davis: Apologized to CPC for the last-minute meeting cancellation. Received the questions two business days prior to the meeting, and with school safety being an important topic, SPD wants to ensure they're on the same page and prepared.

- Commissioner Newman: A community member leaving chemotherapy was pulled over by an officer for high levels of radiation in their vehicle. Not aware of SPD vehicles could pick up radiation.
 - AC Davis: Deployed a radiation detection program on the personal sensors officer's wear. Roughly a hundred have been distributed. Fire and other regional public safety partners also have them. Will look at sharing this information with the community so they're aware.
 - Commissioner Newman: Was not aware and would like to know more about it, when was it started, and what are the future plans.
- ED Ameh: Appreciate SPD wanting to make sure ducks are in a row regarding school safety. Pressure for the commission to have this meeting as school starts soon, and hope to get this meeting rescheduled soon, even if we don't have all of the answers just so the Commission is positioned to support students going into the school year.
 - AC Davis: Absolutely. Much of the delay was due to competing interests, with today being a FIFA match day, but they will get a meeting on the calendar soon.

Workgroup Updates

Community Engagement Workgroup (CEC):

- Commissioner Nsimbi: Received an update on the strategic plan. Attended an event on the last day of school in Rainier Beach to show students they support the start to a safe summer.

Public Policy Workgroup (PPWG):

- Commissioner Carl: Primarily focused on Cal Anderson reports/OPA reports. Noticing a pattern of how OPA makes their determinations on allegations. Continuing to determine what steps CPC can take to better support and work with our accountability partners.

Legislative Workgroup (LWG):

- Commissioner West: Recently reviewed workplans, clarified responsibilities, and examined Washington Coalition for Police Accountability interim policies to begin shaping CPCs legislated 2026-27 priorities. Will submit CPC's priorities to the Office of Intergovernmental Relations by end of July.
 - ED Ameh: Also discussed the path and benefits of hiring a lobbyist. Will be looking into the cost and available budget. There are also opportunities to partner with organizations we align with and have a lobbyist, as we're in a resource-constrained environment.

- Commissioner West: Working to see if/how we can be involved in the SPOG contract. Received some clarity and hope to start getting invited to listen because, as the ordinance is written, we can give an opinion.

Policy Updates

Policy Director, Darling:

- Provided an update on the six SPD policies that CPC provided recommendations on in May-June. Policies were: 12.120, 4.160, 13.033, 5.040, 5.003, and 5.050.
 - Commissioner Tyler: Not aware of these policies, and although in PPWG and focused on one thing, curious about the process of commissioner involvement in these policy recommendations. Feels there is a disconnect between what commissioners are receiving and the policy recommendations presented.
 - PD Darling: Great question. They should circulate redlines in advance as much as they can and apologize if you did not receive them. Getting policies from SPD on a very short timeline of about a week, maybe two, before they meet with OPA. The Use of Force redlines are due after a PPGW meeting, so PPGW commissioners will have a chance to review them, but that is not always the case. One of these policies alone is 50 pages long. Repeatedly raising frustrations and concerns with SPD about being aware of policies and receiving them in advance. Redlines are rushed and are not informed by commissioners.
 - Commissioner Tyler: Should work through a workflow for when these things are coming. Appreciate the Policy team taking the brunt with the short turnarounds. It's an issue in itself to have tight turnarounds, and it comes off as not actually caring about the input. Work through when we get policies on short notice, how to give commissioners the chance to engage quickly. Maybe there's an emergency short-term committee that's able to hop on quickly. Seems two-prong issue.
 - Commissioner West: Who is our SPD liaison?
 - ED Ameh: It depends; SPD has done some restructuring. There are a number of folks involved in policy, and we've lost a regular connection. That tight turnaround is unacceptable. Followed up with SPD when we initially received the policy, trying to understand if only CPC is getting it this last minute and it's the same for accountability partners. This is actually a system-wide issue with city partners. Many times, CPC is getting bills and policy recommendations from partners, and it's already in front of decision-makers. Maybe can engage commissioners to issue a formal letter.

- Commissioner West: This is really important as policy recommendations are main thing they're doing.
- Deputy Inspector General Alyssa Perez-Morrison: OIG was given the same timeline, and they're scrambling, without the added issue of commissioners. Would like to work together to resolve this issue with SPD.

Community Engagement Updates

Community Engagement Specialist, Mergitu Argo:

- Provided an update on events the Community Engagement team attended in May and June.
 - Commissioner Nsimbi: Represented the CPC at an event. Shared if commissioners are interested in going to the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD) to visit with the young folks, he can make that connection.

Community Engagement Specialist, Mario Teulilo:

- Shared the top After-Action Report responses this quarter.

Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) Training

- Assistant City Attorney, Joe Levan: Provided the OPMA training for the Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

Adjourned at 11:00am