

Community Police Commission (CPC)

August 6, 9:00 AM- In-Person & Via WebEx Conference Call

- **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**
- **Take Attendance**

CPC Attendees: Raven Tyler, Mark Mullens, Arlecier West, Tascha Johnson, Erica Newman, Ken Nnsimbi, Joseph Seia, Le'Jayah Washington

CPC Absences: Rabbbi David Benchlouch, Joel Merkel, Anthony Gaedcke

CPC Staff: Eci Ameh, Taryn Darling, Devina Wijaya Moser, Mario Teulilo, Kiernyn High, Masooma Ibrahimi, Mergitu Argo

- **Review Agenda & Minutes**

Action: Motion to approve the draft agenda for 8/6/2025 and minutes from 7/2/2025

Moved: Commissioner Tyler

Seconded: Commissioner Seia

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Approved by voice vote.

Community Police Commission Updates

- **Co-Chair Update-**
- The monthly attendance report for CPC meetings and workgroups/committees shows strong participation.
- The City filed a motion to terminate the consent decree, which the DOJ has supported.
- The Commission remains committed to ensuring Seattle has a strong police accountability system centered on the needs and priorities of communities most impacted by policing.
- The hearing on the City's motion is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3 in Judge Roberts' courtroom. A motion was made to reschedule the September 3rd CPC meeting. Commissioners West, Johnson, and Tyler voted in favor of the motion.

Following the meeting, staff contacted commissioners to coordinate scheduling a special meeting in September.

Department Updates

- **City Council**- No update
- **Mayor's Office** – No update
- **Monitoring Team**- No update
- **DOJ**- No update
- **OPA Update**- OPA issued two Management Action Recommendations (MARs) advising SPD on policy changes:
 - Addressing adverse credibility rulings, recommending SPD to develop a policy to respond when such rulings are issued.
 - Another addressed foot pursuits, recommending additional training on how to conduct them safely.
 - Interim Director Glenn and Serena attended the Public Safety Forum at Magnuson Community Center, which included presentations from Chief of Police Barnes, the Fire Chief, a Prepare team representative, and community members.
- **OIG update**- OIG is continuing its work in partnership with CPC to gather community input and identify panelists for the Sentinel Event Review panel which is anticipated for early September.
- **SPD update**- SPD is working closely with CPC, OPA, and OIG on policy, including development of a foot pursuit policy as directed by the Chief.
- SPD emphasizes that while much has been achieved under the consent decree, continued progress and accountability will remain a priority through existing structures and ongoing partnership with CPC.

Executive Director Updates

- The CPC is reconnecting with the People's Institute for the anti-racist training and the staff retreat. Will propose some dates on the Governance committee meeting.
- CPC Open House is scheduled for August 20th.

Community Engagement Updates

- Community Engagement team developed an after-action Google form to capture community feedback more effectively, and they are using an event participation decision chart to prioritize outreach efforts.
- In July, the team attended 12 events and engaged with 818 community members.

Policy Updates

- Policy team shared a presentation on the 2026 Legislative Priorities that are coming up, including at the City Council level.
 - The priorities include:
 - Traffic Safety for all
 - Independent Prosecutions
 - Civilian Staffed Crisis Response
 - Limiting Collective Bargaining Provisions on Accountability and Alternate Crisis Response
 - Limiting the Scope of Surveillance Data Collected and Retained

Communication Updates

- Completed the August CPC newsletter, updated tri-fold brochure, implemented real-time translation for CPC meetings, and completed the Seattle Channel Director's profile.
- Ongoing priorities include updating the Communications Policy, refining the brochure, and working on the return of live public comments.

Commissioner's Committee and Workgroup Updates

- **Police Practices Workgroup**
 - The Police Practices Workgroup focused its discussion on the proposal to return School Resource Officers (SROs) and SPD officers to schools. Commissioners and community members raised concerns about how SROs are distinguished from other SPD officers, the nature and depth of training requirements, and how youth voices will be included in shaping accountability measures.
 - Questions also remain about whether community-based alternatives to policing in schools are being fully considered or if they are merely supplemental. The group also noted the lack of evidence demonstrating that officers increase school safety, as well as uncertainty about whether the decision is final or still open to community input. The next meeting on August 16 is expected to provide further clarification
 - Commissioner Lars Ericsson has stepped down from the Commission, and we are grateful for his service. As he was a mayoral appointee, work is underway to identify and appoint his replacement.

- **Adjourn**