

Community Police Commission (CPC) Monthly Meeting

September 2, 2026

In-Person & Via Webex Conference Call

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Attendance

CPC Attendees: Joel Merkel, Anthony Gaedcke, Arlecier West, Joseph Seia, Jeremy Holmes, Rick Williams, Le’Jayah Washington, Ken Nsimbi, Mark Mullens, Tascha Johnson, and Raven Tyler

CPC Absences: Jen Carl and Erica Newman

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

Review Agenda and Minutes

Action: Motion to adjust the agenda item title to “Carving for Justice **and Peace**” and approve the draft agenda for 9/2/2026

Moved: Commissioner Williams | **Seconded:** Commissioner Holmes

Opposed: 0 | **Abstentions:** 0

Action: Motion to approve the draft minutes for 8/5/2026

Moved: Commissioner Nsimbi | **Seconded:** Commissioner Seia

Opposed: 0 | **Abstentions:** 0

Approved by voice vote.

Public Comment

Castill Hightower	Keundray Lucas
Howard Gale	Gabe Dias
Donna Stringer	Larry Wilmore
AJ Randall	

Community Police Commissioner Updates

Co-Chair Updates

Attendance

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

Executive Director Updates

Staffing Update

- Executive Director Eci Ameh welcomed new Deputy Director, Senayet Negusse.

PISAB Training Recap

- People's Institute for Survival And Beyond (PISAB) facilitated Undoing Institutional Racism (UIR) training on August 26 and 27. Staff and Commissioners shared their experiences during the training.

Department Updates

- **Council:**
 - Councilmember Lin's Legislative Assistant, Garrett Moore, provided an update on the work CM Lin's office is doing around youth safety and the tour of the Seattle Police Athletic Association.
- **OPA Update** (Policy Manager Justin Piccorelli) shared that a new Management Action Recommendation (MAR) regarding body-worn cameras is under review. Provided an update on OPA's community outreach efforts.
- **OIG update:** No updates.
- **SPD update:**
 - Interim Chief Andre Sayles shared his background and the values he instills in the department.
 - Commissioner Gaedcke shared a presentation on SPD's Cultural Competency and Anti-Bias Training.

FEPP Levy

- Agenda item postponed.

Vote on Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Article 3.A.7.:

If a Commissioner is attending a Commission or Committee meeting remotely, the Commissioner must keep their camera on so that the Commissioner remains visible, unless under special circumstances. A Commissioner requesting an exception due to special circumstances shall notify the Co-Chairs prior to the Commission or Committee meeting, stating the reason for the request. If the circumstances prevent a Commissioner from providing notice prior to the meeting, the Commissioner shall notify the Co-Chairs as

soon as reasonably possible. Participation by telephone shall be considered a special circumstance and shall follow the notification process for special circumstances.

Moved: Commissioner Tyler | **Second:** Commissioner Washington

Favor: Commissioner Washington, Commissioner Tyler, Commissioner Gaedcke, Commissioner Holmes, and Commissioner Williams

Opposed: Commissioner Merkel, Commissioner Mullens, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner West, Commissioner Seia, and Commissioner Nsimbi

Absent: Commissioner Carl and Commissioner Newman

Motion Fails

Article 3.F.:

Commissioners may request stipends pursuant to Ordinance 126860. 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. The ten-minute grace period may be used at any point during a Commission or Committee meeting and is not limited to the beginning of the meeting. 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.

Moved: Commissioner Tyler | **Second:** Commissioner Washington

Favor: Commissioner Washington, Commissioner Tyler, Commissioner Mullens, Commissioner Gaedcke, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Nsimbi, and Commissioner Holmes

Opposed: Commissioner Merkel, Commissioner West, and Commissioner Williams

Absent: Commissioner Carl and Commissioner Newman

Motion fails

Workgroup Updates

Community Engagement Committee (CEC):

- Commissioner Seia shared committee experience at the UIR training and the Carving for Justice and Peace event. Commissioner Williams also shared his experience.

Police Practices Workgroup (PPWG):

- Commissioner West shared an overview of the meeting they had with SPD's Chief of Staff Ricketts regarding their current school safety plan.

Community Police Commission Updates (Continued)

Community Engagement Updates

- Community Engagement Director Celia Jackson shared the Community Engagement Event Tracker.
- Community Engagement Specialist Mario Teulilo thanked the community members in attendance. Provided updates and community feedback from recent community events.

Policy Updates

- *Deferred Policy updates for next month.*

Public Records Training

- Assistant City Attorney Aaron Valla presented on the Public Records Act.

Adjourned at 11:00am