

Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations Minutes

November 17, 2025 – 6:00P.M.
Twin Towers Building, Room 420
(456 Fulton St., Peoria, IL)

The Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations met at Twin Towers Building, Room 420, on Monday, November 17, 2025, with proper notice posted. Chair Lang called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Amick, Bragg, Cuizon, Echevarria, Edwards, Lang, Marlin, Richardson, and Williams.

Excused: Jackson (Denise).

Absent: Gress, Jackson (Darrell), Mitchell, Palm, Sommerville, and Wilson.

City Staff Present: Kirby and Sylvester.

City Guests: City Clerk Stefanie Tarr and Council Member Alex Carmona.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACM Richardson motioned to approve the October 20, 2025, meeting minutes. Seconded by Vice Chair Cuizon. Motion passed.

MEETING

Chair Lang reminded members about the Peoria Police Department's Holiday with Heroes event on December 15th at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. She also discussed volunteer opportunities for shopping and gift wrapping. Vice Chair Cuizon motioned to have the monthly December advisory meeting as a working meeting at the event; seconded by Member Edwards. Motion passed. Chief Echevarria also discussed the city's food drive at the Fulton St. Civic Center parking lot on November 21st.

The transparency discussion was tabled since Member Palm was not in attendance.

Lt. Sylvester presented on the police department's complaint process. He discussed the various ways (internal and external) that a complaint can be received. Once received it can be processed as a non-investigation (due to lack of violations), formal investigation (professional standards conducts investigation), or informal inquiry (where division lieutenant or professional standards conducts investigation). Both formal investigations and informal inquiry are eventually sent to the chief for review and to issue discipline if applicable. If potentially criminal in nature, the chief will forward a complaint to an outside agency (ISP) to investigate. Once ISP has concluded their investigation, Professional Standards will then conduct their Lt. Sylvester also provided a brief overview of the unit; in 2026, the unit will be gaining another lieutenant. The unit not only handles complaints but also processes backgrounds for police, fire and civilian staff. ACM Richardson also discussed how there is statutory law that dictates this complaint process. Chief also discussed how decisions regarding discipline may also include conversations with other departments such as Human Resources and Legal. Chief clarified that he is not involved in the complaint process; if someone reaches out to him, they are immediately forwarded to Professional Standards who will

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handle the complaint. Chair Lang asked about decertification; Lt. Sylvester discussed ILETSB handles that and that they will be given a professional conduct report if it meets certain criteria.

Chair Lang opened the floor for discussion of the by-laws. ACM Richardson presented the updated version to the committee. Chair Lang discussed her preference in allowing citizens 5 minutes to address the committee (similar to council). Members concurred. ACM Richardson asked Stephanie Tarr (city clerk) if the section outlining the agenda needed to be included. Stephanie said that it was up to the committee. The by-laws were updated to include Robert's Rules which also encompasses the agenda. Vice Chair Cuizon motioned to adopt the by-laws; seconded by Member Bragg. Motion passed.

Member Williams discussed the college community coalition. He motioned inviting Carl Cannon to the February meeting to present. Seconded by Vice Chair Cuizon. Motion passed. Chair Lang discussed inviting Erika from Juvenile Probation as well. Motion by ACM Richardson. Seconded by Member Edwards. Motion passed.

GENERAL POLICE UPDATES

Chief discussed the new online police reporting system that is available. He showed the committee how a request for a police report could be submitted for non-emergency crimes. Chief also briefly shared the year-to-date stats which included 11 homicides compared to 20 last year. ACM Richardson asked about some of the contributing factors to the decrease; Chief mentioned some of the technology updates such as iPhones for all officers, tip411, and LPRs.

DISTRICT 150 UPDATES

Member Marlin briefly shared District 150's "report card" by the board of education which ranks the schools based on student performance. For 2025, there were 2 schools categorized as exemplary, 10 as commendable, 10 as targeted, and 1 as intensive.

CITIZEN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE – none

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.