

Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations Minutes

March 16, 2026 – 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, March 16, 2026, with proper notice posted. Chair Lang called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| 1. Gretchen Amick, At-Large | 11. Amya Mitchell, Under 25 |
| 2. Stephanie Bragg, 1 st District | 12. Noah Palm, NAACP |
| 3. Al Cuizon, Under 25/Vice-Chair | 13. Kimberly Richardson, Asst. City
Manager |
| 4. Eric Echevarria, Chief of Police | 14. Marcellus Sommerville, At-Large |
| 5. Andrew Edwards, At-Large | 15. David Williams, At-Large |
| 6. Natalie Gress, At-Large | 16. Karen Wilson, 3 rd District |
| 7. Darrell Jackson, 4 th District | 17. Vacant, 5 th District |
| 8. Denise Jackson, City Council | |
| 9. Lee Lang, 2 nd District/Chair | |
| 10. Shannon Marlin, District 150 | |

ROLL CALL

Present: Amick, Bragg, Cuizon, Jackson (Darrell), Jackson (Denise), Lang, Marlin, Richardson, Sommerville, and Williams.

Excused: Echevarria, and Edwards.

Absent: Gress, Mitchell, Palm, and Wilson.

City Staff Present: Kirby, Hughes, and Sylvester.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chair Cuizon motioned to approve both the November 17, 2025, and February 16, 2026, minutes. Seconded by Member Marlin. Motion carried.

MEETING

Chair Lang opened the floor to further discuss the handbook that was passed out at the February meeting. She asked members for feedback regarding the article that she proposed including in the handbook. Vice-Chair Cuizon asked to table until the next meeting to give members time to review.

Asst. City Manager Richardson shared upcoming community events that the city will be hosting. These included the Great American Cleanup on May 2nd, Juneteenth event (June 20th) at the Carver Center, the Great Neighbor Appreciation Week in July (to include a cookout on July 23rd), and the Peoria Police Department's Walk and Talks (schedule TBD). She proposed for the Juneteenth that members sign up for 2-hour blocks for the Advisory Committee's booth. It was decided that the committee would use Sign Up Genius and also that new items would be ordered as giveaways.

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Chair Lang proposed that an agenda item be included on future agendas to include important dates to note so the committee could keep track of upcoming events. Members discussed how to be prepared to discuss the committee to the community; Councilmember Jackson proposed being prepared to discuss a proud achievement.

Chair Lang discussed various reading programs to include those in the school district as a volunteer opportunity. If members are interested in volunteering, they must pass a background check.

GENERAL POLICE UPDATES

Lt. Sylvester briefly went over the complaint statistics which included 29 total complaints for 2026 (9 internal and 20 external).

PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS UPDATE

Member Marlin shared a video from the district's Amazing Shake event. This event was a competition for third and fourth graders. This competition helps teach students about professional skills for success in a fun and interactive competition.

PEORIA FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Member Sommerville passed out the Peoria Friendship House's February newsletter. In it, he discussed upcoming camps that they will be hosting to include their STEAMS Academy. He also discussed the different food pantries they have been hosting. So far this year, they have distributed over 20,000 pounds of food to the community. Chair Lang asked about funding for the Peacekeepers program. Currently, they do not have funds for the program.

CITIZEN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE – none

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.