

# **Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations Minutes**

April 20, 2026 – 6:00 P.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, April 20, 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. Shannon Marlin, District 150               |
| 2. Stephanie Bragg, 1 <sup>st</sup> District | 12. Noah Palm, NAACP                           |
| 3. Al Cuizon, Under 25/Vice-Chair            | 13. Kimberly Richardson, Asst. City<br>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 <sup>rd</sup> District     |
| 7. Darrell Jackson, 4 <sup>th</sup> District | 17. Vacant, 5 <sup>th</sup> District           |
| 8. Denise Jackson, City Council              |                                                |
| 9. Ken Johnson, At-Large                     |                                                |
| 10. Lee Lang, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District/Chair |                                                |

## **ROLL CALL**

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

**Excused:** Echevarria.

**Absent:** Gress, Palm.

**City Staff Present:** Dixon, Kirby, and Hughes.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice-Chair Cuizon motioned to approve the March 16, 2026, minutes. Seconded by Member Jackson. Motion carried.

## **MEETING**

Chair Lang introduced Ken Johnson who was sworn in as an at-large member on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Member Bragg presented on PCCEO's Head Start and Early Head Start programs. These programs are for expectant women and for children from birth to 5 years old. They have 7 locations throughout Peoria. Currently, they serve around 490 children with a goal of preparing them for kindergarten. One area that the program is focused on addressing is language and literacy. Member Bragg explained that the goal is for children to have an 85% mastery.

Member Edwards presented key points and reminders regarding communication styles. One point was to remember different stressors affect people and their ability to process and respond to communication differently. Communication should always be clear, calm and respectful. Asst.

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Chief Dixon echoed that these are good reminders, especially when out interacting with the community.

Asst. City Manager Richardson discussed the Juneteenth event with the location TBD. She asked members for their input on volunteer sessions of 9-11AM, 11AM-1PM, 1-3:30PM. Members agreed with that breakdown. She said that she would forward a SignUpGenius to Christina. Member Bragg and ACM Richardson also discussed how they would meet to discuss 5 questions to have answers ready for. Chair Lang reminded members of the police department's Walk and Talks and how the first one would be this Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Chair Lang discussed how a few years ago there was a plan to have different speakers from the police department come discuss their roles and their units. She expressed interest in moving forward with this plan and said she would speak further with Asst. Chief Dixon.

### **GENERAL POLICE UPDATES**

Lt. Hughes briefly went over the complaint statistics which included 41 total complaints for 2026 (11 internal and 30 external).

Asst. Chief Dixon briefly went over the police department's YTD statistics which included 2 homicides (1 shooting, 1 stabbing). Council Member Jackson asked about domestic violence statistics and how they compared nationwide. Chair Lang asked if the city saw an increase in stabbings when there is a decrease in shootings. ACM Richardson also asked if the department has seen a change in the types of juvenile offenses. Asst. Chief Dixon said that he would follow up at the next meeting.

### **PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS UPDATE** – none

### **PEORIA FRIENDSHIP HOUSE**

Member Sommerville passed out the Peoria Friendship House's March newsletter. He discussed how they recently had their spring break camp that was held for 2 weeks for over 70 children.

### **CITIZEN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE** – none

### **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.