

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

May 18, 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, May 18, 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 <sup>st</sup> District | 12. Noah Palm, NAACP                           |
| 3. Al Cuizon, Under 25/Vice-Chair            | 13. Kimberly Richardson, Asst. City<br>Manager |
| 4. Brad Dixon, Chief of Police               | 14. Marcellus Sommerville, At-Large            |
| 5. Andrew Edwards, At-Large                  | 15. David Williams, At-Large                   |
| 6. Darrell Jackson, 4 <sup>th</sup> District | 16. Karen Wilson, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District     |
| 7. Denise Jackson, City Council              | 17. Vacant, 5 <sup>th</sup> District           |
| 8. Ken Johnson, At-Large                     |                                                |
| 9. Lee Lang, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District/Chair  |                                                |
| 10. Shannon Marlin, District 150             |                                                |

## **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Cuizon, Dixon, Edwards, Jackson (Darrell), Jackson (Denise), Johnson, Lang, Johnson, Richardson, Williams.

**Excused:** Amick, Bragg, Marlin, Wilson.

**Absent:** Mitchell, Palm, Sommerville.

**City Staff Present:** Kirby, Sylvester, Tarr, White.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice-Chair Cuizon motioned to approve the April 20, 2026, minutes. Seconded by Member Edwards. Motion carried.

## **MEETING**

Chair Lang introduced Member Darrell Jackson and Daryl Pierce who presented on GRO Community. This organization based out of Chicago is a mental health service provider that specializes in trauma informed treatment for boys and men ages 5 and up from low socio-economic groups and/or black and brown communities. Member Jackson's role focuses on youth (starting at age 5). They discussed different programs such as those helping with re-entry after prison and emotional regulation skills. Member Jackson also discussed how parents of juveniles in this program are not mandated to participate. However, they are supposed to do a phone assessment every 3 months.

Chair Lang and ACM Richardson clarified that members should refrain from sharing their advice/direction as a representative of the committee. Members should only act as a representative

of themselves. This is due to liability and repercussions if a member gave out incorrect information.

Vice-Chair Cuizon discussed the Youth Police/Community Advocacy Initiative. He discussed how the initiative is currently terminated due to current gaps and wide scope of the initiative. Member Williams asked for clarification; Vice-Chair Cuizon discussed the timing of the execution and funding. ACM Richardson asked if there were ways to help support and re-evaluate it as a group. Member Edwards discussed gaps he saw such as who would make the final decision if something failed. Chair Lang also discussed concerns regarding funding and how the initiative was only presented as information to the committee. Chief Dixon cautioned that there is a lot of vetting that goes into anything dealing with juveniles. ACM Richardson clarified that the committee can only make a recommendation and would not be the ones to administer the program. It would need to be administered through the police department, for example. A member would not be the one running the program. Members clarified that there wasn't a vote; it was just information. Member Williams was advised to consider whether he would like to run this through the committee or not.

Chair Lang discussed a proposed schedule of speakers with the first being in July at ECC. ACM Richardson clarified that the meeting needs to be held in the police department due to it being a public meeting. Chair Lang discussed that the committee would first meet at 6PM in the police department (training room) and then go over to ECC.

#### **GENERAL POLICE UPDATES**

Lt. Sylvester briefly went over the complaint statistics which included 55 total complaints for 2026 (16 internal and 39 external). ACM Richardson asked if going forward the committee could also get what type they were and the dispositions.

Chief Dixon briefly went over domestic violence statistics and discussed how Peoria is under the national average. At the previous meeting, ACM Richardson asked if there was a change in juvenile offenses. Chief Dixon presented statistics that showed that the top 3 offenses have remained the same: battery, motor vehicle theft, and theft/burglary. However, the frequency has drastically increased. In 2025, there were 34 juveniles with 4+ arrests. He also discussed how we do not see an increase in stabbings with a decrease in shootings.

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

#### **PEORIA FRIENDSHIP HOUSE** – none

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.