

**CITIZEN POLICE ADVISORY BOARD
ANNUAL MEETING**

April 30th, 2025 @ 4:00 pm
555 S 10th Street, Room 303
Lincoln, NE 68508

Members Present: Brittney Hodges-Bolkovac (Chair)
 Eric Hoke (Vice Chair)
 Patrick Finnegan
 Scott Hatfield
 Shirley Mora James
 Micheal Q. Thompson
 Lynn Ayers

Members Absent: Roshan Pajnigar
 Cameya Ramirez-Rousseau

Also Present: Chief Michon Morrow
 Yohance Christie
 Tonya Peters
 Sgt Alex Stover
 Erika Thomas
 Cheri Howard

Hodges-Bolkovac called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm and acknowledged the meeting falls within the governance of the Open Meetings Act.

Glad to greet new CPAB Board Member Lynn Ayers to join the team and are excited to get to work with her. LPD Public Information Office Manager Erika Thomas attended to share her role, meet the members, and see the CPAB in action.

Minutes from the January 29, 2025, meeting were reviewed. **Moved and seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

There were no comments from the public.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on CPAB Members Training – As a part of a training sub-committee, Chair Hodges-Bolkovac had distributed a Role/Purpose, and Ethics of being a CPAB member document for her portion of future training protocol. Members had a chance to review the document and provide feedback. It was received positively and after a couple of word changes, it was agreed to include this information as a part of new member orientation.

A review of Rules & Regulations (Cheri), updating the interview process during informal hearings (Shirl), and the Role/Purpose and Ethics documents will be compiled for review by members and distributed prior to the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Chair and Vice Chair nominations – After a brief discussion confirming Hodges-Bolkovac and Hoke were willing to serve another year as Chair and Vice-Chair, there was a nomination and second to continue with this current leadership lineup for the 2025 calendar year. Motion approved and carried unanimously. Thank you, Brittney and Eric, for your service.

Recent LPD news events and press releases: Chief Morrow updated the board on recent media items to include a discussion on adding three mental health co-responders who assist with any call for service that may involve a resident in crisis. This is fairly new but already they've responded to 40 calls for service this month and as they garner more familiarity, dispatch may assign them directly or they may volunteer to assist in those situations where a law violation or criminal investigation is not warranted, but this type of specialized support is invaluable. It is different than the Alternate Response provided by Street Outreach to help unsheltered individuals get connected with resources.

The **LPD 2024 Report** was shared in news conference on April 10th, 2025 highlighting a decrease in Part I crimes which are at a 20 year low. Robbery and all thefts are down. Despite Lincoln growing by approximately 50,000 residents in the last 20 years, violent & property crimes continue to decrease. The clearance rate for violent crimes is up nearly 21% from 2023 as LPD has pursued a greater balance between street officers and investigations, achieved by re-establishing team investigators with two more due in May 2025.

Nuisance Vehicle Ordinance (LMC 10.43.010) was passed March 31, 2025, allowing officers to immediately tow vehicles (cars, trucks, motorcycles) whose drivers are behaving unlawfully or illegally in such a manner to interfere with the health, safety, welfare, and property of others and are deemed a public nuisance.

At the time of the meeting, it did not appear this ordinance had to be utilized but is an important tool that is now available for the most serious of offenses and driving behaviors. As an aside, another officer will be added as an SRO and to the traffic enforcement until May 22nd.

1st Quarter Incident Summaries and Case Review

Sgt Stover reported on LPD's 1st Quarter (Jan 1 – Mar 31, 2025) IA Case Review, Statistical Summary, Employee Incident Report Summary, and Employee Use of Control Summary.

Highlights include an increase in internal complaints because of self-audits. It's noted all reports go through the Sergeant, the Duty Commander, and the Records Unit for review. Body worn cameras are reviewed at random three times a month for each officer, in addition to any specific cases or concerns that may be brought forward. A primary focus is on officer's interactions with citizens and teachable moments will be reviewed, while commendations can also be initiated.

These reports will be posted on the CPAB Meetings City of Lincoln website.

Announcements:

The next CPAB Meeting will be Wednesday, July 30th, 2025 @ 4:00 pm in the City County Building, 555 S 10th St., Room 303

Meeting Adjourned at 5:35 pm