



City of Hyattsville
Police and Public Safety Citizens (PPSC) Advisory
Committee Meeting - Virtual
Minutes, Meeting of October 8, 2025, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

I. Attendance

Position, Name	Ward	Present / Absent	Position, Name	Present / Absent
Chair, Bob Kantor	2	✓	Chief of Police, Jarod Towers	✓
Secretary / Recorder, Ana Chapa	1	✓	Deputy Chief of Police, Laura Lanham	✓
Member, Taurean Barnwell	3	✓	Council Member Ward 2, Emily Strab	✓
Member, Jerome Brown	5	X	Council Member Ward 5, Kelson Nisbett	✓
Member, Michelle Brown	3	✓		
Member, Julia Dezelski	1	X		
Member, Patricia Page	5	✓		
Member, Taylor Wilder	2	X		
Member, Evan Myers (new Member)	2	✓		

Public Attendance: No public attendees.

II. Agenda and Minutes

- A. Roll Call: 6 members in attendance- quorum was reached.
- B. Approval of Agenda: Chapa motioned to approve the agenda. Unanimous approval of agenda.
- C. Approval of August Minutes Meeting Minutes: Barnwell motioned to approve. Minutes unanimously approved.

III. Public Comment

- A. 1 public attendee
- B. No public comments

IV. General Discussion Topics



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a. Need for electing a new PPSAC Chair and Recorder for the Committee.

- i. Evan Myers is interested in stepping in as the recorder. Chapa will speak with him offline to brief on the role. Vote will occur in the November meeting.
- ii. Bob Kantor to step down as Committee Chair. Taurean Barnwell agreed to be nominated as Chair.
- iii. There was a motion to approve his nomination.
- iv. Barnwell was unanimously approved as incoming Chair.
- v. He will begin his term at the November meeting.

b. Presentation from Laura Reams of the GARE Team on how the city is addressing the needs of the unhoused and the community.

- i. Laura Reams has been with the city for 13 years. Currently serves as Deputy City Administrator. Does a great deal of work with Shakira on the Race and Equity Taskforce. She is presenting on her behalf.
- ii. Presentation on Hyattsville Cares Team and their response to the unhoused community.
- iii. Number of unhoused in Prince George's County has been between 537- 659 between 2021-2025. Likely to increase this year. Specific Hyattsville numbers do not exist.
- iv. Goal is to decenter a police response in an effort to not criminalize homelessness. HPD is a critical partner in the network supporting the community given their knowledge of the community.
- v. Reams suggested the committee:
 1. Serve as ambassadors for the community and communicate what the city is doing to support the community.
 2. Committee can provide input on the presentation.

c. Hyattsville community response to recent heightened ICE activity to ensure the safety of all our residents.

- i. Will be topic for next months meeting
- ii. Kelson will work to get a resource for the next meeting.

V. HVL Police Dept Updates

- a. Non-Officer Crisis Responder will begin riding with HPD at the end of the month.
- b. License Plate reader program of 24 cameras- 14 have been installed. Employees are being trained. Have already seen success even before it is officially launched.
- c. Still working on getting moved into the new offices. It will be a staggered process.

VI. Next Meeting: November 12th, 2025 at 7:00 PM.



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- a. Bob Kantor concluded the meeting. Barnwell motioned to adjourn. Chapa seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:59PM.