

POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

August 20, 2024

POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MEETING - DRAFT August 20, 2024

POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD: Christina Hagestad, Gwendolyn Evans (remote), Dan Maguire and Vince Cuciti

Absent: Jody Kamon (Advisor)

STAFF: Michele Hodgson, Administrative Assistant, Essex Police Department

ADMINISTRATION: Ron Hoague (EPD Chief)

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Christina Hagestad called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

See below: #6b adding election of Secretary.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda was approved.

4. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

No members of the public were heard.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

a. The Board approved the Minutes for both the June and July meetings.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

Note: The Chief advised Anthony Jackson-Miller has left his position as Community Affairs Liaison with EPD. The vacancy has already been posted. Anthony had worked with the PCAB since its inception. The Chief invited board members to participate in the hiring process for his replacement.

a. The board welcomed back Gwendolyn who was re-appointed to serve another term on the PCAB.

b. The board voted and elevated Co-Chair Christina Hagestad to the position of Chair and Gwendolyn Evans was elected Co-Chair. Chair Hagestad made a motion to add to the Agenda – adding the election of Secretary to the Agenda. The motion passed and Dan Maguire was elected Secretary for another term.

c. The board reviewed the Public Safety Survey template provided by the Chief. He explained the survey originated from the Department of Justice. The board discussed ways to extend the reach of the survey beyond the 600 respondents in the original survey conducted several years ago. Vince proposed that we consider ways to incentivize people to take the survey. Chair Hagestad proposed and the board agreed to revisit the survey at the next meeting with a goal to have a definitive date for distribution of the survey,

to consider forming a sub-committee to assist with editing the survey to broaden its reach. Dan Maguire suggested advisor Jody Kamon sit with that sub-committee. The board was receptive to these proposals.

d. Michele Hodgson, Administrative Assistant, Essex Police Department offered a quick overview regarding National Night Out. She advised there was a great turnout this year – about 600+ people – and great activities.

e. Work Plan.

- Vince proposed that we sponsor a Community Service Project at Essex High School.*
- The board revisited getting our website up; and*
- The board will accept the invitation from the Essex Reporter for an interview about the PCAB.*

7. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made after Vince had to leave the meeting (6:51pm) and Gwendolyn (7:00pm). The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Maguire
CAB Secretary