



CITY OF
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**POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**
Thursday, March 20, 2025
4:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, the Police Community Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 4:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers at 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids.

ROLL CALL:

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SETTING THE AGENDA:

CORRESPONDENCE:

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Consider approving minutes from the January 16, 2025 regular meeting.

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BUSINESS:

2. Grand Rapids Police Department will be detailing Pepper Ball technology

3. Received questions about AI cameras being installed in MN that detect if you are on your phone and if there are plans for them coming to GR.

UPDATES:

Introduction of New Officer Kiara Rantala

4. New Officer Kiara Rantala

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

ADJOURN:

ATTEST:

MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

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BOARD MEMBERS AND TERM EXPIRATION:

Dan Butterfield - 12/31/2026

Wendy Uzelac - 12/31/2025

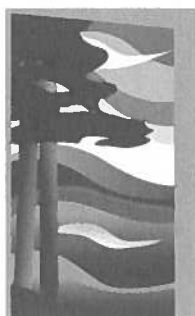
Stephen Connolly - 12/31/2026

Cassey Casteel - 12/31/2027

Tom Neustrom - 12/31/2025

Nicolette Roberts - 12/31/2027

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First Chair Connolly called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

ROLL CALL:

STAFF:

Chief Andy Morgan

Captain Kevin Ott

PRESENT

Board Member Dan Butterfield
Board Chair Stephen Connolly
Board Member Wendy Uzelac
Board Member Cassey Casteel
Board Member Nikki Roberts
Board Member Jessica Malmquist

ABSENT

Board Member Tom Neustrom

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None

SETTING THE AGENDA:

Agenda approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Consider approving minutes from the November 21st, 2024 regular meeting.

Motion made to accept the November 21st, 2024 minutes. Motion made by Board Member Casteel, Seconded by Board Member Malmquist, All were in favor. Minutes accepted.

BUSINESS:

2. Accept 2025 Meeting Calendar

Motion to accept the Calendar for 2025 Police Community Advisory Board Meetings for every 3rd Thursday of every other month. Motion was made by Board Member Casteel, Seconded by Board Member Malmquist, All were in favor.

3. Recognize the reappointments for PCAB

Nicolette Roberts
Jessica Malmquist
Cassey Casteel

Congratulation's go out to the Board Members for there commitment to serve on Police Community Advisory Board.

4. At the first meeting of the year, Board members shall select, by majority vote, a chair, vice chair, and secretary to serve until December 31st or until their successors are chosen.
 1. Chair
 2. Vice Chair
 3. Secretary

Election Of Officers in the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

Nomination for Chair: Board Member Uzelac Nominated Board Member Connolly, Seconded by Board Casteel, all Board Members were in favor

Nomination for Vice Chair: Various Nominations were made but resided. Board Member Connolly Nominated Board Member Roberts for Vice Chair, Seconded by Board Member Uzelac, all Board Members were in favor

Nomination for Secretary: Board Member Connelly Nominated Board Member Casteel, Seconded by Board Member Roberts, all Board Members were in favor.

5. Mental Health Calls and Crisis Calls

Discussion

6. 2024 GRPD Year End Stats.

Discussion

7. 2025 Department Goals Draft

Discussion

8. 2024 Department Goals - review

Discussion

9. GRPD Pepperball Policy

Discussion regarding the less lethal Pepperball Policy. Future invite to Police Community Advisory Board for a demonstration of the less lethal Pepperball training. More to come.

UPDATES:

10. Grand Rapids Police Departments New hires: Introduction

1. Brooks Bachmann - New Officer

2. Angie Hill - Administrative Assistant

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Phil Murphy - New Officer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Added Animal Control Pound Stats for 2024

88% of the Dog/Cats were returned to owner

11% Adopted

with 1 being Euthanized by owner request due to extreme aggression

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

Police Community Advisory Board next meeting will March 20th, 2025 at 4:00pm.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made to adjourn: Motion made by Board Member Uzelac, Seconded by Board Member Butterfield.

Adjourned: 5:10 PM

ATTEST:

Jaeki Hennrich
CRPD Staff

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BOARD MEMBERS AND TERMS

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City Council / Police Community Advisory Board,
Yesterday Grand Rapids Police Department, along with other area law enforcement, attempted to pick up an active “body only” arrest warrant in the NE part of GR. Adult male was confirmed to have multiple warrants with the most serious being a felony. Through past interactions / arrests, this individual is known to physically resist arrest.

Law enforcement converged on the scene and found evidence that the male party was inside but refused to open the door.

Grand Rapids Police Department was granted a day-time search warrant to enter the residence to make the arrest.

Law enforcement made entry and located the male in a rear bedroom. The individual refused to comply with law enforcement’s reasonable requests / commands. The individual was repeatedly warned of the different options / techniques that would be utilized by law enforcement without his compliance.

On scene staff appropriately assessed the situation and decided to deploy multiple rounds of nonlethal PepperBall irritant. Two minutes and thirty seconds later the individual was taken into custody without further incident. The versatility and effectiveness of PepperBall products were impressive. The ability to deploy a non-lethal tool, gain compliance, accomplish law enforcement goals, with no lasting effects, while improving officer safety makes this tool extremely valuable for today’s police.

Grand Rapids Police Department will be detailing PepperBall technology at an upcoming Police Community Advisory Board (PCAB) meeting. City Council is certainly welcome to attend and participate.

PCAB

March 20, 2025 at 4pm

Grand Rapids Council Chambers