

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: April 16, 2026

Chairman: Jon Reaud

Vice-Chairman: Shawn Javed

Members:

Dwight Benoit, Tommy Coleman, Drew Davidson, John Dean, Frances Graham, Carlos Hernandez, Sohaib Jabbar, Shawn Javed, Glen Johnson, Alexia Morgan, Lashon Proctor, Jon Reaud, Rodney Robichau, William "Bill" Sam, Roy Steinhagen

Call to order by Community Advisory Committee

April 16, 2026 - 1:00 p.m: A normal meeting of the Police Community Advisory Committee was held in the Beaumont Police Conference Room

Members in attendance: Drew Davidson, Frances Graham, Carlos Hernandez, Sohaib Jabbar, Shawn Javed, Glen Johnson, Alexia Morgan, Lashon Proctor, Jon Reaud, Rodney Robichau

Members not in attendance: Dwight Benoit, Tommy Coleman, John Dean, Bill Sam, Roy Steinhagen

Members of the Police Department in attendance: Chief Ocnaschek, Assistant Chief Plunkett, Captain Tyler, Sgt. Morrow, Judi Rawls and Emma Nelson

Guests in Attendance: Vicki Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer

Moment of Silence for fallen officers

Roll Call

Chairman Reaud opened with an update about the subcommittee formed to look at the bylaws. He specified that the intent was not to make changes, but to better understand the committee's purpose. Conversations between the subcommittee and City Council will be planned soon.

Chief Ocnaschek provided important department updates on public relations and crime. The committee had a brief conversation about the role of gangs, brought to light by Ms. Graham. Capt. Tyler spoke on recruitment. Mr. Davidson asked about Beaumont's pay in comparison to other agencies. Chief Plunkett gave these details while also discussing the role that quality of life, workload, and other factors have along with pay scale. He pointed out that surrounding cities have caught up to Beaumont on pay scale, but that our new contract will fix that for the next couple of years until other agencies catch up. Mr. Jabbar pointed out the number of calls our officers go on. Mr. Davidson said that it wasn't just calls, but also the level of risk at those calls. Chief Plunkett made the point that it is both: the risk of calls as well as the sheer volume of calls contribute to the increased workload in Beaumont. Chief Ocnaschek pointed out that this can

also be a draw, since our officers end up very highly experienced very quickly and there are more opportunities within the department. Chief Ocnaschek discussed sign on bonuses which would end up saving the city money by attracting licensed peace officers instead of requiring sending officers to the academy. Mr. Robichau asked about a specific instance of a dispatcher making a mistake. Chief Plunkett offered that while he didn't know why that particular mistake happened, our dispatchers take in around 300k calls per year while also talking to officers and they are human so mistakes can happen. Sgt. Morrow spoke on upcoming events.

Chief Plunkett addressed that while the committee is not run by BPD but by the committee members, the minutes and the meetings themselves are open to the public. As such, it is imperative that the information discussed be factually correct as well as appropriate for the public. He specifically addressed the police department's legal inability to discuss open investigations in the committee meetings. Since some discussions from March 2026's meeting came close to crossing this line, he wanted to address this important issue. Mr. Davidson said that the indictment and charge were public record so they could be brought up. Chief Plunkett agreed but said that speculation could not be allowed since police cannot comment or provide public info. Chairman Reaud insisted that this was an advisory committee not a review board and they will not try to step out of bounds of their role.

Meeting Ended: 2:17

Next Meeting: May 21 at 1:00 pm in the BPD Training Classroom

Minutes Taken by: Emma Nelson/Community Outreach Specialist/Beaumont Police Department/Administration Division