

MINUTES - Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: March 19, 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:

March 19, 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: Dwight Benoit, Tommy Coleman, Drew Davidson, Frances Graham, Glen Johnson, Alexia Morgan, Lashon Proctor, Rodney Robichau, William "Bill" Sam

Members not in attendance: John Dean, Carlos Hernandez, Sohaib Jabbar, Shawn Javed, Jon Reaud, Roy Steinhagen

Members of the Police Department in attendance: Assistant Chief Jeffcoat, Assistant Chief Plunkett, Captain Schuldt, Captain Tyler, Captain Laird, Lieutenant Cole, Emma Nelson

Guests in Attendance: Vicki Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer

Moment of Silence for fallen officers

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order and led by Mr. Sam. It began with a conversation about the role of the Committee and the roles of its members. Mr. Coleman proposed ideas to be more of a bridge between law enforcement and community members. Mr. Davidson expressed his dissatisfaction at the lack of dialogue between committee members and police. Rev. Benoit explained that as a longtime member of the committee, his understanding is that he was appointed to share concerns from his community with police and be a bridge between police and his appointer (the mayor), not advise police on their job. The conversation continued about wanting to reexamine the bylaws so that everyone is on the same page.

Mr. Coleman made a motion to highlight an officer and individuals who have overcome adversity. Rev. Benoit moved to amend or table the motion until the Chair and Co-Chair of the committee were present, this did not pass. Mr. Coleman's motion passed by general consensus.

Next Lt. Kelly Cole spoke about the Violent Crime Task Force between BPD, federal, and local partner agencies. It has been in development since summer 2025, and the goal is to identify potential threats before they cause harm to the community. Mrs. Graham spoke on the behavior issues beginning early with young people and increasing during summer break.

Mentoring programs and outreach *by* the community, *to* the community was discussed. These are not programs that can be run by police. Mr. Proctor agreed with this sentiment and spoke on the need for organizations to allow those who have overcome these hardships to be allowed to participate in outreach. He expressed that the layers of background checks that many organizations have prohibit those who could make a difference from being allowed to do so. The hypocrisy of the media in the Rogers Park shooting coverage was also discussed at length.

The meeting ended with the monthly staffing and recruiting updates from Captain Tyler and Assistant Chief Plunkett.

Meeting Ended: 2:15

Next Meeting: April 16, 2026 at 1:00 pm in the BPD Training Classroom

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