

Community Police Commission (CPC) Monthly Meeting

May 6, 2026

In-Person & Via Webex Conference Call

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Attendance

CPC Attendees:

Tascha Johnson, Raven Tyler, Joel Merkel, Anthony Gaedcke, Arlecier West, Joseph Seia, Jeremy Holmes, Rick Williams, Le'Jayah Washington, Ken Nsimbi, Mark Mullens, Erika Newman, and Jen Carl

CPC Absences: N/A

CPC Staff: Eci Ameh, Keith Wheeler, Taryn Darling, Josette Wicker, Mergitu Argo, Dani Sullivan, Celia Jackson, and Rami El Gharib

Review Agenda and Minutes

Motion to approve the draft agenda for 5/6/2026.

Moved: Commissioner Tyler | **Seconded:** Commissioner Washington

Opposed: 0 | **Abstentions:** 0

Motion Passed.

Motion to approve the draft minutes for 4/1/2025.

Moved: Commissioner Washington | **Seconded:** Commissioner Carl

Opposed: 0 | **Abstentions:** 0

Motion Passed.

Approved by voice vote.

Public Comment

Two public comments

- Public Comment One: Urge CPC to continue exploring ways CARE can be deployed.
- Public Comment Two: Recommended CPC attends the King County Inquest on June 1st. The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) will report the Sentinel Review to the City Council next Tuesday and outlined concerns with it.

Co-Chair Updates

No updates at this time.

Attendance

Please reach out to CPC Executive Assistant (EA), Josette Wicker with any questions.

Bylaw Amendment

Article 11 amendments

Motion to approve Amendment to Article (3)III.A.7: Requires that Commissioners keep their cameras on when attending meetings remotely.

Moved: Commissioner Tyler | **Seconded:** Commissioner Carl

Opposed: 0 | **Abstentions:** 0

Discussion/Proposed Changes:

- Commissioner Mullens: Meeting falls on his work travel time and may need to turn camera off. Would that go against the rules? Previously had an issue with his camera on while in route. Have the ability to turn off when needed.
 - Commissioner West: This is addressing the issue of engagement. Understand that there are times where camera cannot be on.
- Commissioner Tyler: Does this language allow commissioners to have their cameras off if needed? Doesn't want there to be barriers.
- Commissioner West: Seems commissioners have edits to the amendment and may not be ready to vote on this.
- Commissioner Newman: Not always able to be on camera but listening.
- Commissioner Tyler: Asked for clarification on how to submit amendments changes.
- Commissioner Washington: Didn't understand the process of submitting amendment proposal changes. Concerned the current amendment doesn't allow space for people with anxiety.
- Commissioner West: This is an accountability thing to ensure we're engaged. Can consider camera backgrounds.
- Attorney Joe Levan: In this meeting, commissioners can present an amendment to the motion and vote on that if they want to change the current motion. Reminded commissioners that they can email about proposed amendments, but voting must take place at a meeting. These are the commissions' Bylaws, which are intended to help govern how the meetings run. Provided examples of proposed amendments to the current motion commissioners could make.
- Commissioner Washington: Is this a widespread issue or with one commissioner?
- Commissioner Holmes: Concerned with the current language only allowing on and off. Does feel communication is key.

- Commissioner Nsimbi: When this initially came up, he was an advocate for cameras on. In the past, he used to attend with his camera off, but noticed his engagement was different when he had it on and attended meetings in person.
- Commissioner Carl: Been on calls where she needs to have her camera off. Presented an amendment to add to the current motion: Must keep cameras on, less under approved specific circumstances. Would like the next line to read: "Commissioners must respond in a timely manner."
 - Attorney Levan: The Bylaws currently address responding in a timely manner.
- Executive Director (ED) Eci Ameh: Questioned who would provide the approval?
 - Commissioner West: The meeting facilitators.
 - Attorney Levan: Reminder that these Bylaws are for commissioners and shouldn't be up to staff to provide approval. It will be up to the co-chairs to decide.
- Commissioner Seia: How do we create a culture of accountability? Looking forward to the anti-racist training this summer to bring everyone together.

Vote for proposed amendment: If a commissioner is attending a meeting remotely, the commissioner must keep their camera on so that the commissioner remains visible unless under special circumstances.

Second: Commissioner Tyler

Discussion:

- Commissioner Johnson: When would we have the discussion about special circumstances?
 - Attorney Levan: Chair(s) would discuss the reasoning and decide. If challenged, then the commission itself would vote.

Favor: Commissioner Gaedacke, Commissioner Carl, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Mullens, Commissioner West, Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner Nsimbi, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Seia, Commissioner Tyler.

Opposed: Commissioner Washington

Abstain: None.

Motion passed.

Vote for Bylaws change: If a commissioner is attending a meeting remotely, the commissioner must keep their camera on so that the commissioner remains visible unless under special circumstances.

Second: Commissioner Carl

Discussion: None

Favor: Commissioner Gaedacke, Commissioner Carl, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Mullens, Commissioner West, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner Nsimbi, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Seia, Commissioner Tyler, Commissioner Holmes.

Opposed: Commissioner Washington

Abstain: None.

Motion passed.

Motion to approve amendment to Article (3)III.F: Clarifies the definition of “attended” to require that Commissioners attend the entirety of scheduled meetings to be eligible for stipends.

Second: Commissioner Carl

Discussion:

- Commissioner Holmes: Motion feels black and white. Is there a buffer? Concerned it feels very all or nothing.
- ED Ameh: This amendment has a huge staff impact as the current responsibility of counting attendance, is on the staff. This provides some clarity when making the decision.
- Commissioner Carl: Ten-minute buffer on either side of scheduled meeting time.
- Commissioner West: Grace period. Prefer it to say special circumstances Ten-minute.
- Commissioner Tyler: Mindful of time and wants to uplift issue raised about commissioners taking responsibility back from staff. Would like to table this for the July meeting and allow time for discussion then.

Motion to move the amendment to Article (3)III.F vote to the next meeting.

Second: Commissioner Carl

Favor: Commissioner Gaedacke, Commissioner Carl, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Mullens, Commissioner West, Commissioner Newman, Commissioner Nsimbi, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Seia, Commissioner Tyler, Commissioner Holmes.

Abstain: Commissioner Washington

Motion passed.

Reschedule OPMA Training for next meeting.

Department Updates

- **SPD update:** Captain Dan Nelson: Presented on SPD’s 2026 FIFA World Cup preparations. Six matches in Seattle between June 11-July 19, 2026. On the SPD website, there is a FIFA button with safety information.
 - o Deputy Chief of Staff (COS), Cindy Wong: SPD will have Language Line Solutions on their phones.
 - o Senior Policy Advisor, Dani Sullivan: There were initial questions about mutual aid agencies following SPD policy or their own, confirming they’re following our policies?
 - Captain Nelson: Absolutely. Mutual aid is given meaningful position not related to crowd management. SPD will primarily lead crowd management and only pull in mutual aid if necessary.
 - o Commissioner West: Will partners joining us be following our crowd management ordinance?
 - Captain Nelson: Continue to have briefings with mutual aid partners and share expectations. CPC, as an accountability partner, is invited send a representative to those.
 - o Commissioner West: When CPC toured the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) there were cameras down in heavy traffic areas. Have you worked out a plan with Seattle City Light, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), and SPD’s IT staff are ready to fix them?
 - Deputy COS Wong: Working with SDOT to fix those.
 - Captain Nelson: Live feed being down is a bandwidth issue so working with IT to bring in more bandwidth capabilities.
 - o Commissioner Mullens: Mayor’s proposal to keep camera off. Does that put you at a disadvantage and make your response timeline a little late?
 - Captain Nelson: Survived for many years without cameras. Will be supporting Mayor Wilson’s directive. If there is creditable threat, that will be SPD’s cue. What is a creditable threat is still being defined.
 - Commissioner Mullens: Agrees have survived without cameras before but we’re in a different time and down 600 officers, as the city increases its activity level. No blame and understands the technology portion, but situation that is huge and international, we need to treat things with the abilities that we have to handle them.

Motion to extend the meeting to 11:15am.

Second: Commissioner Holmes

Opposed: None.

Motion Passed.

- o Policy Director Taryn Darling: Talking to teams about possible protests, but are you talking to local protestors? Will you reach out to organizations proactively?
 - Captain Nelson: Not yet because they haven't learned of any organized protests. Current action is just in preparation. May not be practical to reach out to every local organization, but as they learn about any organized protest, they will reach out.
- o Commissioner Carl: Officer Haden Barten already began reaching out to organizations, queer organizations specifically.
- **OPA Update** (Policy Manager, Justin Piccorelli): Two Management Action Recommendations were declined by SPD. One about executing search warrants and money handling and another on adverse creditability rulings. Will be available on the OPA website. OPA's community outreach team attended a few community events and plan to be at Human Rights Commission listening session on May 9th.

Adjourned at 11:15am