

MEETING MINUTES
ST. LOUIS BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
1915 OLIVE STREET, ST. LOUIS MISSOURI 63103

Monday, January 26, 2026, at 9 am

The meeting of the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners (“Board”) was called to order by Board President, Chris Saracino, at 9:20 am on Monday, January 26, 2026. Notice was given timely, and members of the public were present.

Lt. Colin Tully performed the roll call confirming the following individuals were present, satisfying the quorum requirements: Commissioner Brad Arteaga, Commissioner Don Brown, Commissioner Sonya Jenkins-Gray, Commissioner Edward McVey, Commissioner Chris Saracino, and Mayor Cara Spencer who joined via Zoom.

Commissioner Saracino then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Jenkins-Gray moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2026 Board meeting as written. A voice vote was held.

Commissioner Saracino – Aye
Commissioner Jenkins-Gray – Aye
Commissioner Arteaga – Aye
Commissioner McVey – Aye
Mayor Spencer – Aye

The motion to approve January 7, 2026, minutes passed with a vote of 5-0.

Chief’s Report

Chief Robert Tracy began by advising on the Department’s response to the snowstorm. He stated officers responded to just under 1,000 calls for service including assisting citizens and accidents. Chief Tracy then discussed the serious accident involving two officers. He briefly discussed the investigation and its processes. He advised the officers are recovering in the hospital after suffering multiple injuries during the accident. Finally, Chief Tracy discussed overall crime efforts are continuing to reduce crime city-wide.

Committee Reports

Commissioner McVey gave a report on the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee. Commissioner McVey advised the Committee last met on January 22nd, 2026, at 2pm.

Commissioner McVey first presented to the Board a recommendation to approve a Resolution Authorizing Fund Transfer Requests to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. He advised the Budget Director Dave Daniels reviewed the proposed 2026 fiscal year budget to identify areas where funds could be transferred to address current departmental needs. The

resolution would authorize thirteen transfer requests to The City's Board of Estimate and Apportionment, including transfers for overtime and workers' compensation accounts. The Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Resolution Authorizing Fund Transfer Requests.

Mayor Spencer asked if Budget Director Daniels consulted with Paul Payne prior to submitting this request to the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee. Budget Director Daniels advised he had not spoken with Director Payne. He further advised he is aware of the process to submit budget requests and Mr. Payne's policies. That is why this request is split into \$250,000 increments.

Mayor Spencer requested Budget Director Daniels consult with Director Payne prior to submitting these items for consideration. Mayor Spencer requested this because she would like her staff to review the resolutions before she is required to vote on them.

Board Secretary Lieutenant Colin Tully read Resolution No. 2026-5 aloud.

Commissioner McVey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-5. A roll call vote was taken.

President Saracino Aye
Commissioner Jenkins-Gray Aye
Commissioner Arteaga Aye
Commissioner McVey Aye
Mayor Spencer Present

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-5 passed with a vote of 4-0. With one Present vote.

Commissioner McVey then presented his second item to the Board. A recommendation to approve a Resolution to Adopt an Updated Procurement Policy. The Board had previously approved a procurement policy in October. Following its implementation, Director Daniels reviewed the policy and identified several sections requiring updates and clarification. The Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Resolution to Adopt an Updated Procurement Policy,

Mayor Spencer stated she did not understand the differences in the two policies and why an update was needed. Director Daniels reported ongoing difficulties with the City Comptroller's Office and the Supply Section regarding implementation of the procurement policy. He advised that the State Audit is currently reviewing the Department's policies and that further adjustments may be required as a result. State auditors have taken the position that the Department operates as a state agency. Director Daniels explained that the recent changes to the policy are primarily intended to clarify that specified dollar thresholds apply to both services and supplies. He further noted that the policy has not been honored by City government, which has prevented the Department from fully utilizing it.

Board Secretary Lieutenant Colin Tully read Resolution No. 2026-6 aloud.

Commissioner McVey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-6. A roll call vote was taken.

President Saracino Aye
Commissioner Jenkins-Gray Aye
Commissioner Arteaga Aye
Commissioner McVey Aye
Mayor Spencer Present

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-6 passed with a vote of 4-0. With one Present vote.

Finally, Commissioner McVey advised the Committee heard a presentation from Director Daniels regarding the overall budget process, the current status of that process, and the next steps. The Committee will meet again on Friday, January 30, at 10:00 a.m. to review the first complete draft of the budget prepared by Director Daniels. This concludes the Committee's report.

Commissioner Brown gave a report on the Labor Management Committee. The Committee continued work on Rule 7. He advised the next Labor Management Committee meeting will be on January 29, 2026.

Commissioner Arteaga gave a report on the Litigation Committee. The Committee has not met since the last meeting. Commissioner Arteaga advised the Attorney General's Office continues to diligently manage all pending litigation matters, obtaining dismissals and other positive results in many cases. There is no meeting scheduled for the Litigation Committee.

Commissioner Saracino asked how many cases remain from the initial 80 that were pending. Board General Counsel Graville advised there are seventy to seventy-five cases remaining including two new cases that have been filed since the Board assumed control of the Department in March of 2025.

Unfinished Business

a. Resolution Recognizing Prior Years of Service for Commissioned Officers Hired During Local Control

Director Daniels was asked to present a fiscal note for Resolution No. 2026-1. Director Daniels advised this would cost approximately \$75,000 with a further unknown cost for those officers overtime.

Board Secretary Lieutenant Colin Tully read Resolution No. 2026-1 aloud.

Commissioner Brown motioned to approve Resolution 2026-1. A roll call vote was taken.

President Saracino Aye
Commissioner Jenkins-Gray Aye

Commissioner Arteaga Aye
Commissioner McVey Aye
Mayor Spencer Unavailable

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-1 passed with a vote of 4-0. With Mayor Spencer unavailable to vote.

b. Resolution Providing Civilian Employees Hired During Local Control with Benefits of Employees Hired Under State Control

Director Daniels was asked to present a fiscal note for Resolution No. 2026-2. Director Daniels said there would be a net savings of approximately \$128,000 related to the insurance component of the Resolution. He explained that City employees are, on average, older than Department employees, which results in lower associated costs for the Department. Director Daniels further advised that the net effect of vacation payouts and designated holidays will result in an additional cost to the Department of approximately \$150,000.

Board Secretary Lieutenant Colin Tully read Resolution No. 2026-2 aloud.

Commissioner Arteaga motioned to approve Resolution 2026-2. A roll call vote was taken.

President Saracino Aye
Commissioner Jenkins-Gray Aye
Commissioner Arteaga Aye
Commissioner McVey Aye
Mayor Spencer Present

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-2 passed with a vote of 4-0. With one present vote.

Announcements

Commissioner Jenkins-Gray began a discussion of the transfers of certain positions to the Departments control instead of the City's control. Through further discussion of Mayor Spencer and Chief Tracy, it was learned that this was resolved on Friday January 23rd, 2026, and it was no longer an issue.

Commissioner McVey recognized Director Daniels for his hard work.

Director Daniels provided an update on insurance matters, noting that the City's insurance committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday January 28th, 2026, to discuss proposed increases, which may help mitigate some cost impacts during the current three-year contract period.

Enter Executive Session

Commissioner Arteaga moved to enter into executive session. A voice vote was held.

Commissioner Saracino – Aye

Commissioner Jenkins-Gray – Aye
Commissioner Arteaga – Aye
Commissioner McVey – Aye
Mayor Spencer – Unable to vote

The motion to enter into executive session passed with a vote of 4-0. With Mayor Spencer being unable to vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Commissioner Arteaga

