

New Paltz Police Commission Meeting

May 9, 2023, 7:00pm

Town of New Paltz Community Center

3 Veterans Drive

I. Meeting Details

Chairperson: Karrie Rahaman-Bunce

Secretary: Haley Nechamkin

Date: May 9, 2023

Time: 7:00pm

II. Roll Call

Present:

Tara Fitzpatrick

Steve Ford

Chief Lucchesi

Karrie Rahaman-Bunce

Haley Nechamkin

Absent:

Cindy Sanchez

Janice Butcher

Esi Lewis

III. Call to Order

Announcements:

- Conversations with the police is on the third Wednesday of the month at 9:30am; organizations can reach out.
- Memorial Day parade is on Tuesday May 30th at 6pm from the middle school to the old firehouse. There will be some slight traffic delays; traffic closing at 5:45.

Approval of Agenda:

Steve motions, Tara seconds to approve March minutes. All in favor. Motion passed.

Tara motions, Steve seconds to table approval of April minutes. All in favor. Motion passed.

IV. Public Input/Community Comments:

- Tom Jeliffe - Asked about allowing a second phase of public input at commission meetings. Discussed wanting more of an exchange of information during meetings; would appreciate the public being able to give post-meeting feedback. Also recommend trying to send out agenda at least 3 business days prior to the commission meeting. Finally, he talked about how to sequence recommendations from the NPPRRC Report.
- Edgar Rodriguez- Talked about police reform before the 203 order. He is a part of the NP Coalition for Community Safety and Well-Being.

V. Old Business

No old business to review

VI. New Business

Discussion regarding recommendations of Reform and Reinvention Committee (From NPPRRC Report):

- Moving NPPD from law enforcement model to public safety model (Page 35)
 - Guardian versus warrior imagery
 - Chief Lucchesi talked about a number of collaborations the NP Police Department has with multiple agencies on a local, county, and state level. He also mentioned their holistic approach to what safety means, and the fact that police want to engage with the public and be a part of collaborative efforts that are not just about law enforcement.
- NPPD officers to fit the criteria of the “Ideal Officer” (Page 35)
- Officer interaction with Civilians (Page 38)

Karrie brings up getting in touch with the Black Student Union at SUNY NP to encourage community outreach and involvement.

Tara motions to table other 2 NPPRRC recommendations, Karrie seconds.

Monthly Report:

- No personnel complaints
- 3 incidents involving defensive action
- Officer who was injured in March has returned to full duty
- NPCSD bus driver honored
- One robbery on Main St jewelry store
- Commendations- May 24th- Ulster County Chief’s Ceremony

- 5 defensive action reports

VII. Other Items

No additional items at this time

VIII. Move to Executive Session

Karrie motions, Steve seconds to go into Executive Session at 8:46pm.

IX. Return from Executive Session

Tara motions, Steve seconds for the return from the Executive Session at 9:15pm.

X. Adjournment

Steve motions, Tara seconds to adjourn at 9:17 pm. All in favor. Motion passed.