

**Town of New Paltz Police Commission**  
**Minutes of the meeting of August 9, 2022**  
**New Paltz Community Center, 3 Veteran's Drive**  
**7:00 pm**

Meeting video available at [https://youtu.be/g\\_310CempMk](https://youtu.be/g_310CempMk)

**Present:** Commissioners Janice Butcher, Tara Fitzpatrick, Steve Ford, Karrie Rahaman-Bunce, and Cindy Sanchez

Esi Lewis, Town Board Liaison

Kathy Preston, Acting Recording Secretary

1. The meeting began at 7:02 pm with introductions.
2. Mr. Ford made a motion to appoint Ms. Sanchez as Chair of the Commission. Ms. Fitzpatrick seconded, all in favor, the motion passed.
3. The Commission agreed to keep the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm as the set meeting date for the Commission.
4. The Commission agreed that a request for administrative services be placed on the next Town Board meeting agenda.
5. Ms. Fitzpatrick moved that Commission meetings begin with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no second to the motion.
6. The Commission discussed the adoption of the following guidelines for public comment:
  - Members of the public should sign up in advance of the meeting. A sign-up sheet will be available at 6:45 pm.
  - The Commission will not engage in discussion during the public comment period but may ask clarifying questions of the commenter.
  - After consultation with the rest of the committee and any necessary parties, the Chair will serve as spokesperson for the Commission, and address issues at the next available meeting.
7. Ms. Rahaman-Bunce moved, Mr. Ford 2<sup>nd</sup> to adopt the following framework for future Police Commission agendas:
  1. Call to Order/Welcome
  2. Public Comment
  3. Approval of Minutes
  4. Monthly Report from the Chief of Police or designee
  5. Other BusinessAll in favor, the motion passed.
8. There was a discussion regarding recommending trainings for the Police Department and what the reach of the oversight commission entails.
9. There was a discussion regarding officer mental health and the need for wellness counseling and respite.
10. There was a discussion regarding community outreach.
11. The Commission would like to see traffic stop data on the population level, such as local/out of state residents and full-time residents/students.

Ms. Fitzpatrick moved, Ms. Rahaman-Bunce 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.