



BOARD of POLICE COMMISSIONERS

of the

City of Portsmouth, N.H.



Commission Buzz Scherr ... Commissioner Francesca Fernald ... Commissioner Jay Lieberman

“Providing Citizen Oversight of Your Police Department”

May 19, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SUSPEND THE AGENDA

(Anticipated action: A motion will be made to suspend the agenda to move to items #1 Vesting of Rank Ceremony, #2 Recognition Ceremony #3 Accreditation Award & Update under the Chief's Report)

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF THE APRIL 21, 2026 MINUTES

(Anticipated action: A motion will be made to accept the meeting minutes from the April 21 regular Police Commission meeting.)

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Individual comment is limited to five minutes. Speakers are asked to state their name and address before addressing their topic.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. POLICE COMMISSION

1. Facilities Update
 - a. Municipal Building Blue Ribbon Committee Update
 - i. Next Public Meeting: June 17, 2026 @ 3 PM in Conference Room A, City Hall
 - b. Dispatch Remediation Update

B. CHIEF OF POLICE

1. Vesting of Rank Ceremony:
 - Lt. Thomas Sichko
2. Recognition Ceremony
 - Officer Sarah Kotz
 - Officer Nicholas DiGaetano
 - Officer Christian Peete
 - Officer Mark Dente (not present)
3. Accreditation Award & Update
 - Accreditation Manager Kate Young

4. **Grant & Donation**

- A grant award in the amount of \$380,178 from the US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), for the NH Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.
(A motion will be made to accept the US Department of Justice's OJJDP grant in the amount of \$380,178 for the NH Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and forward to the City Council for its action.)
- Acceptance of an unsolicited *Common Man Roadside* gift card in the amount of \$30.00 for general use by Portsmouth Police Department.
(A motion will be made to accept the unsolicited gift card donation in the amount of \$30.00 for the Portsmouth Police Department and forward to the City Council for its action.)

5. **Crime Analyst Report**

6. **Monthly Traffic Stats**

7. **Financial Report**

- a. Grant Applications Update
- b. Strategic Plan Update

VII. **PATROL DIVISION**

Temporarily Unavailable.

VIII. **COURT OFFICE REPORT**

Temporarily Unavailable.

IX. **MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER BUSINESS:**

X. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Please check the municipal meetings calendar on the city's website for any important meeting updates.

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*Respectfully Submitted by Jacqueline Burnett, Executive Assistant
Commissioner Francesca Fernald, Clerk of the Commission*