

# Community Police Commission (CPC) Monthly Meeting

March 4, 2026

In-Person & Via Webex Conference Call

## Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

### Attendance

**CPC Attendees:** Raven Tyler, Joel Merkel, Anthony Gaedcke, Arlecier West, Joseph Seia, Jeremy Holmes, Rick Williams, Le'Jayah Washington, Ken Nsimbi, Erika Newman, and Mark Mullens

**CPC Absences:** Tascha Johnson and Jen Carl

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

### Review Agenda and Minutes

Motion to approve the draft agenda for 3/4/2026 and adjust staff introductions to take place before public comment.

**Moved:** Commissioner Gaedcke | **Seconded:** Commissioner West

**Opposed:** 0 | **Abstentions:** 0

**Action:** Motion to approve the draft minutes for 2/4/2025

**Moved:** Commissioner West | **Seconded:** Commissioner Newman

**Opposed:** 0 | **Abstentions:** 0

**Approved by voice vote.**

### Community Police Commission Updates

- **Welcome New Staff**
  - CPC is officially fully staffed! Welcomed Community Engagement Director, Celia Jackson, and Communications Director, Rami El Gharib, to the team.

### Public Comment

- **One public comment**

### Attendance

- Please reach out to Executive Assistant Josette Wicker, if you have any questions.

- Commissioner Washington requested the Legislative Workgroup attendance be added to the attendance snapshot for awareness of who is a part of each workgroup.

## **Department Updates**

- **City Council:**
  - Councilmember (CM) Lin (Legislative Assistant (LA), Garrett Moore): Their office toured Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) and have outstanding questions. CM Lin still has similar feelings and does not want it to expand.
  - CM Juarez (LA, Paul Menefee): Their office took part in a public safety meeting in Lake City, along with fellow city leadership. Will be meeting with North Seattle Safety Commission and the Crime Prevention Coordinators.
- **Mayor's Office** (Tech and Systems Operations Strategic Advisor, Imani Carey): Received a RTCC tour and have outstanding questions. In attendance to hear CPCs feelings and thoughts on the RTCC.
- **SPD update** (Chief of Staff Alex Ricketts): will provide SPD's response to the SER Report after OIG's presentation. Brought up the need to keep the RTCC and stated community members from the CID and the South Rainier Beach area have been in support of the cameras.
- **City Council Continued:** CM Kettle (Policy Director, Brent Lo): During the Public Safety Committee meeting next week, they'll be voting on the Staging Ordinance and a bill pausing the ALPR. Will provide a copy of the bills coming up to CPC's policy team.
  - Commissioner Tyler: Asked what ALPR stands for.
    - Policy Director Lo: Auto license plate readers on cars.
- **OPA Update** (Deputy Director and General Council, Nelson Leese): The policy side has not issued any Management Action Recommendations for this calendar year. Can review past recommendations on their website. Community Engagement team attended a few events recently.
- **OIG update** (Inspector General, Lisa Judge and Supervisor, Christine Berbelis): Provided a report on the May 2025 Sentinel Event Review (SER). The report was published in middle of February. OIG is managing and working with UPenn on the RTCC study and offered to come back and provide regular updates.
  - Commissioner West: Raised community concern regarding officer behavior, shared concerns that the SER may not hit as seriously as it needs to, and relationship building between individuals does not speak to the larger community relationship building that needs to happen.

- Inspector General Judge: OPA handles officer misconducts and OIG is focused on forward thinking. Through the SER process, relationships are being built, and SPD must continue to work on those relationships. The Sentinel Review process is to show SPD how they can show up better next time.
- **SPD** (COS Ricketts): Provided an update on what SPD is doing to address the recommendations in the SER report. They will continue to work on addressing the recommendations. Expressed interested in CPC’s input on a cultural training vendor.
  - Commissioner Williams: During the protests in 2020, he went to Capitol Hill many times and talked to the youth and officers.
  - Commissioner Tyler: Built her question into Police Practice Workgroup update. Shared questions about what is “trust” and how is it built. Reminder that trust is built through action not meetings. As she is going through the SER, questioned how are we communicating information with community? Could there be a condensed digestible version?
    - Inspector General Judge: Agreed SER should be boiled down into a page or two. Community decides what trust looks like.

***Due to timing, pushed bylaw changes and commissioner workgroup updates to the following meeting.***

## ***Policy Updates***

Senior Policy Advisor, Dani Sullivan:

- CPC staff and four commissioners toured the RTCC and asked several operational and policy questions. Shared tour highlights.
  - Commissioner West: Still has outstanding questions and concerns with the lack of guardrails.
  - Commissioner Nsimbi: Wanted to clarify the request he previously received from youth about having cameras around. There were cameras on the bus, however, the shooter was still not caught. Questioned what is the best thing to do that does not feel like mass surveillance and protects our youth.
  - Commissioner Washington: Shared further concerns about the cameras. Questioned even if we are able to see what someone has done; does that always help solve a crime? Would like for CPC to stay involved as the pilot continues.

***Executive Session***

**Meeting will adjourn at the end of the Executive Session.**

**Adjourned at 11:00am**