



# CITY OF BRISTOL POLICE AWARDS COMMITTEE

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 9:00 A.M.  
BPD CONFERENCE ROOM  
131 NORTH MAIN STREET

## **PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Commissioner Rory Ghio  
Co-chairperson: Deputy Chief Robert Osborne  
Sworn Officer: Officer Andrew McKirryher  
Member of E-Board: Officer James Pelletier  
Non-Sworn BPD Staff Civilian: Jillian Portal

## **ABSENT:**

Sworn Officer  
Dispatcher/Member of Union Local 233

## **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Mark Morello  
Council Member Sue Tyler

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Ghio called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

### 2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chief Morello expressed his support for the awards committee and all the work they do. He does not support the change in procedure and asked Commissioner Ghio to explain the process moving forward.

Commissioner Ghio made a motion TO MOVE AGENDA ITEM #8 UP, Seconded by Jillian Portal.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

### 3. **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Ghio explained the change in the process. For example, an award from the March Awards Committee meeting would be approved by the commissioners at the May Police Board meeting, and the actual award would be presented at the June Police Board meeting.

Ofc. Pelletier clarified Commissioner Ghio's explanation, stating that an award from the March Awards Committee meeting would be approved at the April Police Board meeting and presented at the May Police Board meeting. Commissioner Ghio agreed.

DC Osborne advised everyone that the meetings will now be recorded.

DC Osborne read an email from Chief Morello regarding guidance from Corporation Counsel. It stated that a Police Commissioner may designate another Police Commissioner as a stand-in in their absence; only reports, documents, and details that are releasable to the public may be viewed by a Police Commissioner. The use of redactions is appropriate for nomination forms when non-releasable information is contained within them, and any information, including reports, that may be released to the public is perfectly okay to be shared in this forum.

### 4. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES**

Ofc. McKirryher made a motion TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 7TH MEETING, Seconded by Jillian Portal.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

5. **NOMINATIONS OF AWARDS**

Ofc. Pelletier made a motion TO APPROVE AWARD SUBMISSION 26-12, THE HEADSET HERO AWARD TO DISPATCHER KRAWIEC, Seconded by Ofc. McKirryher.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Ofc. Pelletier made a motion TO AMEND AWARD SUBMISSION 26-13 FROM THE LIFE SAVING AWARD TO THE MEDICAL LIFE SAVING AWARD FOR OFFICERS LAROCHE, FOLLETT, AND YAGER, Seconded by Ofc. McKirryher.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Ofc. Pelletier made a motion TO APPROVE AWARD SUBMISSION 26-14, A LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR TROOPER PECORA AND K9 SAMMI, Seconded by Ofc. McKirryher.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Ofc. Pelletier made a motion TO APPROVE AWARD SUBMISSION 26-15, THE EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD FOR LT. MUSSEN, Seconded by Ofc. McKirryher.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Ofc. Pelletier made a motion TO APPROVE AWARD SUBMISSION 26-16, THE EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD FOR OFFICERS JACOBS, IURATO, AND LT. O'CONNOR, Seconded by Ofc. McKirryher.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Ofc. Pelletier made a motion TO APPROVE AWARD SUBMISSION 26-17, THE EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD FOR LT. WARNER, Seconded by Ofc. McKirryher.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Ofc. McKirryher made a motion TO APPROVE AWARD SUBMISSION 26-18, THE LIFESAVING AWARD FOR OFFICER KOSIKOWSKI, Seconded by Ofc. Pelletier.

Discussion was held and Ofc. McKirryher withdrew his original motion and made a motion TO TABLE AWARD SUBMISSION 26-18 PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION, Seconded by Ofc. Pelletier.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Ofc. Pelletier made a motion TO TABLE AWARD SUBMISSION 26-19, LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR OFFICERS MAZEROLLE, BOISVERT, BORETSKY, LABBADIA, AND MCNALLY PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION, Seconded by Ofc. McKirryher.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Ofc. Pelletier made a motion TO APPROVE AWARD SUBMISSION 26-20, A LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR OFFICER PIROG AND K9 FRANKIE, Seconded by Ofc. McKirryher.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

6. **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

DC Osborne reviewed the award nominations eligible for Employee of the Month. Ofc. McKirryher questioned, if the committee tables an award, are they still eligible for Employee of the Month in the future? DC Osborne replied that they could still be awarded Employee of the Month for the month in which the award is approved.

Council Member Tyler asked through the Chair if she could comment. Commissioner Ghio agreed. Council Member Tyler stated that if the only reason the committee is tabling the award is pending further information, the committee can still pass it through, and the commission can, with further information, make a decision and determine which award applies at the Police Board Meeting.

Ofc. Pelletier made a motion TO AWARD OFFICERS IURATO, JACOBS, AND LT. O'CONNOR, OFFICERS OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL 2026, Seconded by Ofc. McKirryher.

Ofc. Pelletier explained that he has participated in the training and is also a training instructor. He expressed how exceptional this training is compared to other departments. The officers have been working on it since last fall and have put in a lot of time and effort. Commissioner Ghio asked how often it takes place because he would love to experience it. Ofc. Pelletier explained the schedule.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

7. **DISPATCHER OF THE MONTH**

Ofc. Pelletier made a motion TO AWARD DISPATCHER KRAWIEC, DISPATCHER OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL 2026, Seconded by Ofc. McKirryher.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

DC Osborne discussed the award submission 26-9, which Chief Morello denied pending more information regarding the incident. Ofc. Pelletier made a motion to TABLE AWARD SUBMISSION 26-9 PENDING MORE INFORMATION, Seconded by Jillian Portal.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ofc. Pelletier moved to ADJOURN, Seconded by Ofc. McKirryher.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The Awards Committee meeting for the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026 was HEREBY ADJOURNED at 9:43 A.M.

*Jillian Portal*  
Recording Secretary