



CITY OF BRISTOL POLICE AWARDS COMMITTEE

January 6th, 2026, 9:00 A.M.
BPD CONFERENCE ROOM
131 NORTH MAIN STREET

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Commissioner Rory Ghio
Co-chairperson: Deputy Chief Robert Osborne
Sworn Officers: Lieutenant Lang Mussen
Officer James Pelletier
Officer Andrew McKirryher
Detective Ryan Kulig
Member of E-Board: ACO Raymond Zagurski
Dispatcher/Member of Union Local 233: Christopher Atwood
Non-Sworn BPD Staff Civilian: Jacqueline England

ABSENT:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES**

Christopher Atwood made a motion TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 2, 2025 MEETING, Seconded by LT. Lang Mussen.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

4. **NOMINATIONS OF AWARDS**

Lang Mussen made a motion TO APPROVE AND ADD DISPATCHER AMBER VARGAS TO AWARD SUBMISSION 25-33, LETTER OF COMMENDATION TO OFFICER TAYLOR, DISPATCHERS MELISSA GARCIA, NICHOLAS WRIGHT, TONI BOYLE-MASON, AND AMBER VARGAS, Seconded by Christopher Atwood.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Andrew McKirryher made a motion TO CHANGE SUBMISSION 25-34 TO THE LIFE SAVING AWARD AND APPROVE THE AWARD, LIFE SAVING AWARD TO OFFICER VACCARELLI, Seconded by Christopher Atwood.

VOTE: MOTION PASSED, 6 in Favor, 1 Opposed.

The second nomination for the award submission 25-34 will be discussed under Employee of the Month.

The committee discussed the award submission 25-36. Lang Mussen made a motion to send AWARD SUBMISSION 25-36 back for consideration to resubmit in January 2026, Seconded by James Pelletier.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

5. **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

Andrew McKirryher made a motion TO APPROVE SUBMISSION 25-35, TO AWARD DAVID WALACE DISPATCHER OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER 2025, Seconded by Christopher Atwood.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Ryan Kulig made a motion TO AWARD PETER DAUPHINAIS OFFICER OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER 2025, Seconded by Christopher Atwood.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

Deputy Chief Osborne stated the Honoring Heroes' Dinner date has been changed to Monday, March 30th. The location has not yet been determined. Additionally, Deputy Chief Osborne informed the committee that he has ordered the Service Stars to trial them for multiple Silver Star recipients.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

The committee discussed the officer of the year and dispatcher of the year awards.

Lang Mussen made a motion TO AWARD MELISSA GARCIA DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR, Seconded by Raymond Zagurski.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Andrew McKirryher made a motion TO AWARD NICOLAS TRAVISANO OFFICER OF THE YEAR, Seconded by Lang Mussen.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

James Pelletier moved to ADJOURN, Seconded by Lang Mussen.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The Awards Committee meeting for the 6th day of January 2026 was HEREBY ADJOURNED at 9:46 A.M.

Jacqueline England

Recording Secretary