

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Chairperson
Commissioner Rory Ghio
Commissioner Dean Kilbourne
Commissioner Paul Lemieux
Commissioner Terry Lewis
Commissioner Gloria Sapp Smith
Council Member Sue Tyler
Jon Mace, Board of Finance Liaison

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Officer Parracino received the Life Saving Award and Officer of the Month for November 2025.
Officer Levine received the Department Silver Star and Officer of the Month for October 2025.
Officers Levine and Frechette received the Department Silver Star.
Officers Genovese, Fisher, Levine, Frechette, Pollock, K-9 Hero, Detective Quinn, and Sergeant Franek received the Department Silver Star Award.
Dispatcher Melissa Garcia received a Letter of Commendation.
Officer Vaccarelli received the Lifesaving Award.

The Commission took a recess at 6:16 p.m.

The Commission convened back into public session at 6:20 p.m.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joe Masulli, 70 Buckley Avenue, asked the Board to consider a parking waiver for his home to allow one car to park on the street. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu asked Mr. Masulli whether he had approached the neighbors to see if they would let him park on their property. Mr. Masulli will explore the idea with the neighbors. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu suggested that if he gets no resolution with the neighbors, he can come back to our February meeting and ask the Board for a waiver.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 17, 2025, REGULAR POLICE BOARD MEETING, Seconded by Council Member Tyler.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

5. APPROVAL OF VARIOUS MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS AND PLACE ON FILE, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp-Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Morello read a letter complimenting Officers Giannini and Clarke and Acting Sergeant Godbout for the compassion they demonstrated to Emily Huelsman and her family when her mother passed away.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Awards Committee

Commissioner Ghio reviewed the minutes from the January Awards Committee meeting. Commissioner Ghio announced that Detective Travisano has been awarded Officer of the Year, and Dispatcher Melissa Garcia has been awarded Dispatcher of the Year. The event will be held on March 30, 2026, at DoubleTree.

Commissioner Sapp Smith moved to PLACE THE MINUTES ON FILE, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

b. Traffic Sub-Committee

Commissioner Tyler gave a review of the traffic subcommittee meeting. She informed the Board that the meeting time has changed from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Also, the Committee discussed the lack of personnel and creative ways to change the perception for people driving through Bristol that speeding, distracted driving, etc., will not be tolerated.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Chief Morello

i. Traffic Enforcement Cameras

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu said that at the next meeting on February 17th, we will give the public the opportunity to speak on the traffic enforcement cameras.

8.2 Police Commissioners

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Chief Morello

i. Chief's Report

Chief Morello reviewed his report with the Commission.

ii. Board of Finance Requests

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE THE REQUEST TO TRANSFER \$477 TO COVER MEDICARE INSURANCE COSTS, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE THE REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE \$80,400 TO VARIOUS EXPENSE ACCOUNTS, Seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

iii. Tattoo Memorandum of Agreement

On a motion to adopt by Mayor Zoppo-Sassu, it was unanimously voted: TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND THE BRISTOL POLICE UNION.

iv. Economic and Community Development Board Request

On a motion to approve by Mayor Zoppo-Sassu, it was unanimously voted: TO HAVE THE BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT EVALUATE AND, IF APPROPRIATE, REQUEST CT DOT SAFETY MEASURES AT THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPERATING AT THE INTERSECTION OF JEROME AVENUE AND STATE ROUTE 6 (FARMINGTON AVENUE).

v. Laurel Street Speed Limit Signs Request

On a motion to approve by Mayor Zoppo-Sassu, it was unanimously voted: TO APPROVE INSTALLING TWO “SPEED LIMIT 25” SIGNS ON LAUREL STREET.

vi. FY27 Proposed Budget

A discussion was held on the FY27 proposed budget.

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE THE FY27 PROPOSED BUDGET AS PRESENTED, Second by Council Member Tyler.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

9.2 Police Commissioners

No new business

10. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Tyler moved to ADJOURN, Seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners called for the 20th day of January, 2026, was HEREBY ADJOURNED AT 7:36 p.m.

Lisa Ziegas
Recording Secretary