



**City of Hyattsville
Police and Public Safety Citizens (PPSC) Advisory
Committee Meeting - Virtual**

**Minutes, Meeting of November 13th, 2024, 7:00PM - 8:00PM (adjourned
7:43PM)**

I. Attendance

Position, Name	Ward	Present / Absent	Position, Name	Present / Absent
Chair, Julia Dezelski	1	✗	Chief of Police, Jarod Towers	✓
Vice Chair, Bob Kantor	2	✓	Deputy Chief of Police, Laura Lanham	✓
Secretary / Recorder, Mark Culberson	3	✗	Council Member Ward 2, Emily Strab	✓
Member, Taylor Wilder	2	✗		
Member, Jerome Brown	5	✓		
Member, Patricia Page	5	✓		
Member, Ana Chapa (recorder for this meeting)	5	✓		
Member, Michelle Brown		✓		
Member, Adriane Powell		✓		

Public Attendance: Four community members logged on.

II. Agenda, and Minutes

- Call to order (Bob Kantor)
- Motion made and passed to approve agenda (as drafted and pre-circulated)
- Motion made and passed to approve meeting minutes for 9 October 2024.

III. Public Comment - no comments.

IV. Agenda: General Discussion Topics

- a. The next meeting will involve a committee vote for leadership positions and begin research work. Specific positions for voting and assignment include chair, co-chair, and recorder. The discussion will entail role responsibilities. Julia Dezelski will step down as chair. Ana Chapa volunteered for the role of recorder. Adriane Powell and Bob Kantor are willing to fill roles if needed.



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- b. The 2025 calendar - motion adopted to meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7-8 PM.
- c. Reminder made that this is an ADVISORY committee and not a governance role. We bring community voice to the Police Department and the City Council.
- d. Regarding the first six potential research projects, Chief Towers requested support for the department's goal of updating the website in an effort to improve community engagement and information sharing.
- e. Councilmember Strab requested support/research on AI and Privacy Rights as a longer-term research project and also supported the Chief's request. Post-meeting, Ms. Strab also shared: "I wanted to share with you the MPD website, which I believe is hosted by CivicPlus. I think the buttons, infographics, and having social media on the landing page is valuable." <https://mpdc.dc.gov/>
- f. Chief Towers reported that crime had been going down in the region. Recently (the last few weeks) it is trending back up, specifically carjackings and shootings.
- g. Homework is to review the website: <https://www.hyattsville.org/837/Police> and each identify one idea/suggestion/best practice to share at the next meeting.
- h. The PD Dept Public Information Officer (PIO) will attend the next meeting.

V. Next Meeting: The next meeting was confirmed for December 11th at 7:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.



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Relevant excerpt “**City-of-Hyattsville-Handbook-for-Committees_FINAL**”:

COMMITTEE APPOINTED ROLES

Appointed roles in the Committee include the Chair and the Secretary. Committees may choose to have Co-Chairs or Vice Chairs at their discretion or at the direction of the Committee worksheet. The duties of these roles are described below.

- **Committee Chair:** The Chair is elected annually in January for a one (1) year term. The Chair provides leadership and direction to the Committee to facilitate the Body in pursuing its vision and mission. The Chair facilitates the meeting by calling the meeting to order and acts as the meeting Chairperson. The Chair develops the meeting agendas in partnership with Committee members and the staff liaison(s). The Chair also works with the staff liaison(s) to ensure meeting requirements are met for the posting of agendas and approval of minutes.
- **Secretary:** Elected annually in January for one (1) year term. Responsible for writing meeting minutes and submitting minutes for approval of the Body.

City page for Committees and Boards (as of 06.02.2024):

<https://www.hyattsville.org/878/Advisory-Committees-Boards-Commissions>

Committee-specific information on City website (as of 06.02.2024):

<https://hyattsville-md.granicus.com/boards/w/c116e25731a7ccb3/boards/11214>

Description

The City of Hyattsville Police and Public Safety Citizens’ Advisory Committee (PPSCAC) is established to promote civic participation and provide advisement and relevant feedback to the Mayor, City Council, and City Administration on issues related to community policing and public safety, including but not limited to policies and procedures, throughout the City.

Upcoming Meetings

- December 11th, 7:00PM - 8:00PM, virtual - Police & Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee Regular Meeting

Vacancies

- # Current Vacancies
- # Terms Expired

Size 9 Members



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Term Length 2 Years

Term Limit N/A

- **Staff Liaison(s)**
Chief Towers
- **Council Liaison(s)**
Councilmember Strab Strab (Ward 2)
- **Committee Worksheet**
[PPSAC Committee Worksheet adopted edits Feb 4 2019.pdf](#)
- **2024 Meeting Calendar** [PPSCAC 2023 Calendar Adopted.pdf](#)

Tab for Member Roster (as of 06.02.2024):

1. [Patricia Page](#)

2nd Term

Oct 03, 2022 to Oct 30, 2024

Appointing Authority

City Council

Position

Member

City Ward

Ward 5

2. [Jerome Brown](#)

2nd Term

Oct 03, 2022 to Oct 30, 2024

Appointing Authority

City Council

Position

Member

City Ward

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3. [Taylor Wilder](#)

2nd Term

Apr 17, 2023 to Apr 30, 2025

Appointing Authority



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Position

Member

City Ward

Ward 2

4. **Bob Kantor**

1st Term

Nov 20, 2023 to Nov 30, 2025

Appointing Authority

Council

Position

Co-Chair

City Ward

Ward 2

5. **Julia Dezelski**

1st Term

Nov 20, 2023 to Nov 30, 2025

Appointing Authority

Council

Position

Chair

City Ward

Ward 1

6. **Mark Culberson**

1st Term

May 07, 2024 to May 31, 2026

Appointing Authority

Council

Position

Recorder

City Ward

Ward 3

7. **Ana Chapa**

1st Term

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Council
Position

City Ward
Ward 5

8. **Michelle Brown**
1st Term

Appointing Authority
Council
Position

City Ward
Ward

9. **Adriane Polwell**
1st Term

Appointing Authority
Council
Position

City Ward
Ward

Jun 12, 2024 07:00 PM

Jul 10, 2024 07:00 PM

~~Aug 6, 2024 07:00 PM: Summer Recess.~~

Sep 11, 2024 07:00 PM

Oct 9, 2024 07:00 PM



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Dec 11, 2024 07:00 PM