



# South Bend Common Council

## Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers

2<sup>nd</sup> District Council Member

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### 2025 Annual Report of the Community Relations Committee

Dear Council Members,

As required by § 2-10(i) of the *South Bend Municipal Code*, I am filing this Annual Report as the Chairperson of the Council's Community Relations Committee.

**Duties:** The Community Relations Committee is charged with “enhancing communications and developing working partnerships throughout the City” and with “other public and private entities operating within the City”.

**Members:** There are four (4) Council Members and one (1) Citizen Member that have served on the committee this year:

1. Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers, Chairperson
2. Councilmember Karen L. White, Vice-Chairperson
3. Councilmember Sheila Niezgodski, Member
4. Councilmember Sherry Bolden-Simpson, Member
5. Ms. Alice Marie Pickens, Citizen Member

**Meetings:** Seven (7) public meetings were held. All Committee minutes and notices have been posted and may be accessed on the Common Council’s website.

#### MEETING DATES

February 10<sup>th</sup>, hybrid

May 12<sup>th</sup>, hybrid

May 28<sup>th</sup>, hybrid

June 4<sup>th</sup>, hybrid

#### BUSINESS DISCUSSED

Organizational Meeting

Bill No. 25-29 - Resolution Establishing the Terms of the Initial Members of the Community Police Review Board  
*(Substitute)*

Bill No. 25-31 - Appointing Dr. Dé Bryant to a One (1) Year Term as a Member of the Community Police Review Board

Working Session - Compact with South Bend Community School Corporation

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September 8<sup>th</sup>, hybrid

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September 18<sup>th</sup>, hybrid

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The Community Relations Committee serves under the South Bend Common Council and does not make decisions on behalf of the South Bend Community School Corporation Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilmember Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers  
Chairperson, Community Relations Committee  
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