

COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW BOARD (CPRB)

Official Minutes, Regular Meeting, Thursday, March 19, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Council Chambers | City Hall, 215 S. Doctor M.L.K. Jr Blvd, South Bend, IN 46601

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl Ashe, Acting Chair, following confirmation of a quorum.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present (Voting):**

- Cheryl Ashe
- Sharon Banicki
- Luella Webster
- Roxann Hughes
- Dé Bryant

**Members Present (Non-Voting):**

- George Jones

**Staff/Officials Present:**

- Pastor Charles L. King III, Director – Community Police Review Office
- Attorney Robert Masters – CPRB Legal Counsel
- Corporation Counsel Sandra Kennedy – City of South Bend
- Veronica Pitt-Payne – Office of the City Clerk

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (January 15, 2026)**

Member Banicki noted that her last name was misspelled.

Motion by Member Webster to approve the minutes with corrections.

Second: Member Hughes

**Result: Motion passed by voice vote.**

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (March 19, 2026)**

Motion by Member Bryant to approve the agenda.

Second: Member Hughes

**Result: Motion passed by voice vote.**

**V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Attorney Masters advised that the present members could either proceed with nominations or table the election until a future meeting.

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City Clerk, South Bend, IN

Motion by Member Banicki to table the election.

Second: Member Hughes

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>YES, Table</b>	<b>NO, Do not table</b>
Ashe	
Banicki	
Webster	
Hughes	
Bryant	

**Result: Motion Passed (5-0).**

**VI. CASE DISPOSITION**

**Case No. CPRB2025-019**

Pastor King read the case summary and stated that the officer was Exonerated by South Bend Police Department (SBPD) Internal Affairs.

Board Members discussed what they saw on the body-worn camera footage. Points of discussion included deescalation training and the issuance of verbal warnings.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
Ashe	
Banicki	
Webster	
Hughes	
Bryant	

**Result: Agree With the Findings (5-0).**

**Case No. CPRB2025-009**

Pastor King read the case summary and stated that the officer was Exonerated by SBPD Internal Affairs.

Board Members discussed what they saw on the body-worn camera footage. Points of discussion included taser policy, deescalation training, and the definition of active resistance.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
Banicki	Ashe Webster Hughes Bryant

**Result: No Consensus (1-4); Administratively Closed.**

**VII. POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Member Ashe recommended a training for members of the public regarding what to do when they are stopped by the police. She said the training should be ready by June 2026.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Julian Martinez, 626 Donmoyer Avenue, South Bend, IN 46614, read a statement regarding an ongoing complaint.

Attorney Masters advised Mr. Martinez that his allotted three (3) minutes for public comment had expired.

Motion by Member Webster to suspend the three (3)-minute rule and allow Mr. Martinez to finish his comments.

Second: Member Hughes

**Result: Motion passed by voice vote.**

Mr. Martinez finished his statement.

Pastor King noted that he has received Mr. Martinez's complaint, and they have a meeting scheduled on Monday.

**IX. NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pastor King announced that the next meeting will be held on Thursday May 21, 2026.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Member Ashe to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Member Banicki

**Result: Motion passed by voice vote.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.**

Submitted by

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