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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

JANUARY 26, 2026, 5:15 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Sheila Niezgodski, Sherry Bolden-Simpson, Karen L. White, Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers

Committee Members Absent:

None

Other Council Present:

Canneth Lee, Rachel Tomas Morgan

Others Present:

Bianca L. Tirado, Matthew Neal, Jasmine Jackson, Veronica Pitt-Payne, Bob Palmer

Presenters:

Canneth Lee

Agenda:

Bill No. 26-04 - Resolution Appointing Sharon Banicki, Komonique Thomas, and George Jones to Three-Year Terms as Members of the Community Police Review Board (*Substitute*)

Members marked with an asterisk (*) are in virtual attendance.

Please note the attached link for the meeting recording:

<https://docs.southbendin.gov/WebLink/browse.aspx?dbid=0,0,0,0,0&mediaid=404179>

Committee Chair Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers called to order the Community Relations Committee meeting at 5:54 P.M.

Bill No. 26-04 - Resolution Appointing Sharon Banicki, Komonique Thomas, and George Jones to Three-Year Terms as Members of the Community Police Review Board (*Substitute*)

Committee Vice Chair Karen L. White moved to accept Substitute Bill No. 26-04, which was seconded by Committee Member Sheila Niezgodski and carried via a vote by voice.

Council President Canneth Lee, 1929 Huey Street, South Bend, IN 46619, presented the bill. He said Komonique Thomas was reappointed as an At-Large Board Member after moving out of the Second (2nd) District, George Jones is replacing Komonique Thomas as the Second (2nd) District

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Board Member, and Sharon Banicki is replacing the Sixth (6th) District Board Member who resigned.

Seeing no questions from the Committee, Committee Chair Gooden-Rodgers held the public hearing, and nobody spoke.

Committee Member Niezgodski moved to send Substitute Bill No. 26-04 to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Committee Member Sherry Bolden-Simpson and carried by a vote of four (4) ayes.

Committee Chair Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Committee Vice Chair Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>
Committee Member Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>	Committee Member Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>

With no further business, Committee Chair Gooden-Rodgers adjourned the Community Relations Committee meeting at 5:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers, Committee Chair