

COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW BOARD (CPRB)

Official Minutes, Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 21, 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 Komonique Thomas, Acting Chair, following confirmation of a quorum.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

- Cheryl Ashe
- Sharon Banicki
- Dé Bryant
- Marla Godette
- George Jones
- Komonique Thomas
- Luella Webster

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 (March 19, 2026)

Motion by Member Banicki to approve the minutes.

Second: Member Bryant

Result: Motion passed by voice vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (May 21, 2026)

Motion by Member Banicki to approve the agenda.

Second: Member Thomas

Result: Motion passed by voice vote.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Attorney Masters opened nominations for the role of Board President.

Member Godette nominated Member Thomas.

Member Thomas nominated Member Godette, who declined the nomination.

Motion by Member Godette to elect Member Thomas as President

Second: Member Banicki

Result: Motion passed by voice vote.

Attorney Masters opened nominations for the role of Board Vice President.
President Thomas nominated Member Godette, who declined the nomination.
Member Godette nominated Member Jones, who declined the nomination.
Member Banicki nominated Member Bryant.

Motion by Member Banicki to elect Member Bryant as Vice President

Second: President Thomas

Result: Motion passed by voice vote.

Attorney Masters opened nominations for the role of Board Secretary.
President Thomas nominated Member Godette, who declined the nomination.
Member Jones nominated Member Ashe, who declined the nomination.
Member Godette nominated Member Webster, who declined the nomination.
Vice President Bryant nominated Member Banicki.

Motion by Vice President Bryant to elect Member Banicki as Secretary

Result: Motion passed by voice vote.

VI. CASE DISPOSITION

Case No. CPRB2025-013

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

Roll Call Vote:

Agree	Disagree
Ashe	
Banicki	
Bryant	
Godette	
Jones	
Thomas	

Webster	
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Result: Agree With the Findings (7-0).

Board Members discussed possible interventions for repeated domestic disturbances involving juveniles. Points of discussion included incident prevention, engaging the youth crisis unit, and responding to calls at known addresses with a juvenile deescalation plan in place.

Case No. CPRB2025-021

Pastor King read the case summary and stated that the complaint was **Sustained** by SBPD Internal Affairs.

Roll Call Vote:

Agree	Disagree
Ashe	
Banicki	
Bryant	
Godette	
Jones	
Thomas	
Webster	

Result: Agree With the Findings (7-0).

Board Members discussed how the interaction could have been handled better by the responding officer. Points of discussion included communicating with other officers at the scene, verifying that preliminary breathalyzer test (PBT) results are interpreted correctly, and respecting the complainant's time after realizing the error.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Thomas opened the floor for public comments, and nobody spoke.

VIII. POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Member Ashe followed up on her previous recommendation to develop a specialized youth deescalation training. She recommended setting a deadline

and working with experts in juvenile psychology to draft the policy.

Pastor King suggested researching the youth policies in other cities, such as Fort Wayne and Grand Rapids.

Attorney Masters outlined the Board's options for holding a special meeting on the issue.

Pastor King suggested forming a committee.

Member Godette proposed that Member Ashe should oversee the Juvenile Deescalation Committee.

IX. NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

President Thomas announced that the next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2026.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Ashe to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Member Webster

Result: Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Submitted by
