

**Town of Randolph
Meeting Minutes
Police Services Committee (DRAFT)
December 5, 2023**



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2 ***This meeting was hybrid, with remote access provided via Zoom.**

3 ****This draft is intended for open meeting law compliance. A more detailed version may**
4 **replace the draft.**

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6 **Police Services Committee:** Trini Brassard (via Zoom), Judy Powell, Stephanie Tyler (via
7 Zoom), Sheila Jacobs, Kristin Chandler, Neil Richardson, and Joe Voci.

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9 **Municipal Staff:** Trevor Lashua, Town Manager, Scott Clouatre, Chief of Police.

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11 **Public Attendees:** Alex Eingorn, Andrew Terry, Julia Zimmerman, Alejandro Ruiz, Layne
12 Millington (OSSD Superintendent), David Palmer, Jon Kaplan (via Zoom), and “Charlene” (via
13 Zoom).

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15 **Media:** None.

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17 1. **Call to Order**

18 Judy called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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20 2. **Public Comment**

21 Andrew Terry stated that he heard that data was unreliable at the public forum. He asked what
22 data was unreliable, and why. Chief Clouatre replied that the comment was about exact location
23 markers, which were not always given for safety and other considerations. The two agree to
24 connect offline for additional discussion.

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26 Jon Kaplan asked how the staffing numbers were calculated, and if “armed cops” are needed to
27 respond to all calls.

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29 Alejandro Ruiz asked about FBI data and whether or not it was complete (it is not, was the reply,
30 as it doesn’t capture all calls). There was a question about other traffic enforcement methods,
31 such as speed bumps and road narrowing.

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33 Julia Zimmerman read a note from another person expressing concern about police in schools,
34 and a need to create a healthy and safe policing model and environment.

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36 Layne Millington said that he was planning to distribute a survey to the community gauging
37 perspectives on a school resource officer, with a conversation scheduled on the 14th.

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39 Alejandro asked a follow up data question, related to commercial requests for service and
40 whether they appear in the data. Chief Clouatre explained that the data discussed was for calls

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41 from commercial enterprises, and the need for service, relayed to the PSC from business located
42 outside of the Police District.

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44 **3. Approval of Agenda**

45 *Kristin moved to approve the agenda. Sheila seconded. The motion passed 7-0.*

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47 **4. Approval of Meeting Minutes.**

48 *Kristin moved to approve the minutes. Neil seconded. The motion passed 7-0.*

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50 **5.a. Public Forum Preparation – Feedback, Questions, Take-Aways, What’s Next.**

51 The committee reviewed its 11/28 forum, beginning with the following:

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- Attendance was very good, and exceeded expectations.
- There is substantial interest in community policing, and a need to convey more clearly how that is incorporated into what’s already happening.
- What might a non-police response look like for certain calls, and how to know when it’s not possible to tell when the call arrives.
- Whether or not those living outside of the District want police services.
- Can the PSC and SB better define the level of service needed, where, and how.

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60 Kristin offered to facilitate a conversation with a municipal agency with embedded mental
61 health/social work resources, so that the PSC members could get a better understanding of
62 operating systems, needs, benefits, and challenges. There was general discussion throughout on
63 calls where a social worker or similar service provider would be present – are they “along with”
64 an officer scenarios, or “instead of” an officer scenarios. In many cases, an “along with” scenario
65 is more likely.

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67 The members discussed a gap analysis, in which the calls that may not need police only or
68 primarily are identified.

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70 There was discussion about timing, additional depth, the issuance of a interim report, and the
71 ongoing needs to solve the staffing issue.

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73 Layne offered OSSD resources for a panel conversation, with the school system having at least
74 nine different types of professionals from the mental health and social work spectrum. There was
75 also discussion about engaging the Clara Martin Center.

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77 **5.b. Discuss Meeting Schedule and Remaining Tasks.**

78 The committee reviewed a proposed meeting calendar, and set two additional meeting dates –
79 Monday, January 18th and Monday January 8th.

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81 **5.c. Discuss Final Report Drafting.**

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82 The committee members agreed that the group is not ready to begin drafting the report.

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84 **5.d. Discuss Research, Follow-Up, and Tasks for Next Meeting.**

85 There was no discussion.

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87 **6. Communications and Correspondence.**

88 The committee discussed an email received by Alexis Miller. The members discussed whether or
89 not to thank individuals providing comments, and how broadly that should happen. Sheila will
90 write to Alexis.

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92 **7. Adjournment**

93 *Kristin moved to adjourn. Sheila seconded. The motion passed 7-0.*

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95 **The next meeting of the PSC will be on Monday, December 18th, at 6:00 pm.**

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