



**MINUTES - OPEN SESSION MEETING
SAINT JOHN BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 10, 2026 – 4:14 P.M.
COMMUNITY ROOM ONE PEEL PLAZA /MS TEAMS**

PRESENT

Commissioners

Tamara Kelly, Chair
Katelin Dean, Vice Chair
Maike White, Secretary
Charles Bryant
Donna Reardon
Greg Norton

Absent

Haley Maillet
Michael Costello

Staff

Chief Robert Bruce
Frank Szalai, Senior Financial Manager
Daphne Waye, Recording Secretary

Media

Brice McVicar, Reporter | Brunswick News Inc.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Remarks from the Chair

Chair Kelly welcomed everyone to the Saint John Board of Police Commissioners' February 10, 2026, Open Session meeting and called the meeting to order. She reminded those in attendance that the meeting was being recorded in compliance with the Privacy Policy.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 January 13th, 2026, Open Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Reardon; seconded by Vice Chair Dean:

RESOLVED, that the Open Session minutes of January 13th, 2026, be approved.
(O2602-01)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 February 10, 2026, Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Reardon; seconded by Vice Chair Dean:

RESOLVED, that the agenda distributed for February 10, 2026, , be adopted. (O2602-02)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

5. Consent Agenda

6. Delegations / Presentations

7. Consideration of Issues Separated from Consent Agenda

8. General Correspondence

8.1 Internal Monthly Report – January 2026

Chief Bruce reported that during the month of January there were three (3) complaints, zero (0) complimentary correspondence and zero (0) grievances.

Moved by Commissioner Reardon, seconded by Vice Chair Dean:

RESOLVED, that the Internal Monthly Report – January 2026, be received and filed. (O2602-03)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 SJBPC Operating Budget – December 31, 2025

Frank Szalai, Senior Financial Manager, reported that the Police Commission's December 31, 2025, unaudited preliminary operating budget results show an over budget position of \$542,809 year to date.

Overall wages and benefits are over budget by \$1,094 and goods and services are over budget by \$541,715 year to date, due to legal cost escalation. The underlying matter driving these costs is managed outside of Finance's operational oversight. The Board's financials are expected to close significantly over budget.

Moved by Vice Chair Dean; seconded by Commissioner Bryant:

RESOLVED, that the Saint John Board of Police Commissioners Unaudited Financial Results as of December 31, 2025, be received and filed as presented. (O2602-04).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 SJPF Operating Budget December 31, 2025

Frank Szalai, Senior Financial Manager reported that the Saint John Police Force’s December 31, 2025, unaudited preliminary operating budget results show a surplus of \$1,043,383 year to date.

Overall wages and benefits are under budget by \$951,530 and goods and services are currently under budget by \$91,853 year to date.

The financial outlook remains stable. Comprehensive accruals have been integrated into the current figures to satisfy all obligations stemming from the pending collective agreement settlements.

Upon the finalization of Period 13 adjustments, the adjusted surplus is projected to settle at approximately \$950,000. This forecast incorporates a prudent margin to accommodate final reconciliations and any trailing third-party entries common to the year-end closing process.

Moved by Vice Chair Dean, seconded by Commissioner Reardon:

RESOLVED, that the Saint John Police Force’s Unaudited Financial Results as of December 31, 2025, be received and filed as presented. (O2602-05)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 PSCC Operating Budget December 31, 2025

Frank Szalai, Senior Financial Manager, reported that the Public Safety Communication Centre’s (PSCC’s) preliminary unaudited Operating Budget as of December 31, 2025, shows a surplus of \$154,048 year to date.

Overall wages and benefits are over budget by \$28,362 and goods and services are under budget by \$182,410. Detailed explanations are included in the board report submitted.

Moved by Vice Chair Dean; seconded by Commissioner Bryant:

RESOLVED, that the Public Safety Communications Centre (PSCC) Unaudited Financial Results as of December 31, 2025, be received and filed as presented. (O2602-06)

8.5 Highlights of Monthly Activity Report / January 2026

Chief Bruce provided context around the information contained in the submitted report.

Activity	January 2026	YTD – 2026	YTD – 2025
Calls for Service	5,080	5,080	4,872
Incident Reports Generated	912	912	765
Violent Crimes	138	138	96
Property Crimes	184	184	252
Mental Health Act	22	22	40
Mental Health <i>RELATED</i> Calls for Service*	239	239	203
Arrests	140	140	122

Persons Charged / Charges Recommended	248	248	153
Impaired Driving	8	8	5
Motor Vehicle Collisions	177	177	228
Citations Issued (POPA)	114	114	89
Training	526	526	1,522
Auxiliary	141.75	141.75	69.5
Auxiliary Follow-Up Calls	13	13	n/a
Alternative Response Unit	60	60	288
Online Reporting	90	90	110
In-Person (Walk-Ins)	60	60	34
In-Person (Walk-Ins (Incident Reports Generated)	35	35	19

**Statistics are estimates only, due to the variability in the data collection*

QUICK REACTION TEAM (QRT): Statistics for January, 2026

2026	January	Total
Arrests - Warrants	1	1
Arrests	9	9
Files	25	25
Calls	59	59
Foot Patrols	6	6
Bike Patrols	0	0
Community Engagement	54	54
FI Check	4	4
Traffic Stops	58	58
Tickets	20	20
Warnings	38	38

Medical Calls

February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025
31 h 52 mins 30s	23 h 12 m 45s	27 h 22 m 30s	27 h 36 m 38 s
June 2025	July 2025	August 2025	September 2025
24 h 12 m 9s	30 h 4m 0s	34h 1m 50s	46 h 59m 37 s
October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026:
26h 1m 18s	10h 41m 12s	24 h 0 m 54s	32 h 27 mins 2s

Moved by Commissioner Reardon; seconded by Vice Chair Dean:

RESOLVED, that the Highlights of Monthly Activity Report for January 2026 and the QRT statistics for January be received and filed. (O2602-07)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 2026 Increase for Non-Union Management and Professional Staff

Saint John Common council adopted the following resolution at its meeting held on December 1, 2025.

That the Management Professional Group receive a wage increase of 3.0% for 2026.

The Non-Union Management and Professional Staff of the Saint John Police and PSCC have historically followed the same wage increases as the City of Saint John.

Moved by Secretary White; seconded by Vice Chair Dean:

RESOLVED, that the Saint John Board of Police Commissioners apply the same wage increase of 3.0% effective January 1, 2026, for the Non-Union Management and Professional Staff for the Saint John Police and the Public Safety Communications Centre. The increase will not be applied to the Sworn Command Staff of Deputy Chief, Inspector or Staff Sergeant as these salaries align with the previously approved commitment from July 7, 2015, by maintaining a 10% differential between a job's salary and that of its direct report. (O2602-08)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **New Business**

10. **Adjournment**

Moved by Vice Chair Dean; seconded by Commissioner Reardon:

RESOLVED, that the Saint John Board of Police Commissioners February 10, 2026, Open Session meeting be adjourned. (O2602-09)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Chair Tamara Kelly

Vice Chair Katelin Dean