



# City of Richmond

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## Meeting Minutes Public Safety Standing Committee

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Thursday, May 29, 2025

1:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor – City Hall

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### Committee Members and other Councilmembers in Attendance

The Honorable Reva Trammell – Chair  
The Honorable Sarah Abubaker – Member  
The Honorable Nicole Jones – Alternate

### Absent

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch – Vice Chair

### Staff and Others in Attendance

Nahdiah Muhammad, Assistant City Clerk  
Tabrica Rentz, Deputy City Attorney  
Candice Reid, City Clerk  
Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst  
RJ Warren, Deputy City Clerk

### Call to Order

Chair Reva Trammell called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m., and presided.

### Chamber Emergency Evacuation Plan Announcement and Public Speaker Guidelines

Upon the Chair's request, Assistant City Clerk Nahdiah Muhammad provided information on the appropriate way to evacuate the Council Chamber in an emergency along with public speaker guidelines.

### Public Comment Period

There were no public comment speakers.

### Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes for approval.

**Presentation(s)****Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority's (RRHA) New Enhanced Security and Enforcement Strategy**

Steven Nesmith, RRHA Chief Executive Officer (CEO), presented the committee with RRHA's new enhanced security and enforcement strategy.

[CD.2025.187](#) May 29, 2025 - RRHA New Enhanced Security and Enforcement Strategy

**Attachments:** [RRHA New Enhanced Security and Enforcement Strategy](#)

*A copy of the material provided has been filed.*

*The committee requested additional information regarding outreach methods, community meetings, summer youth work programs, de-escalation partnerships, Police Athletic League (PAL) involvement, legal action for recording violent crimes, and NAACP hot spots pop-up events.*

CEO Nesmith responded that RRHA would host community meetings and an ice cream social at Creighton Court the first week of June.

Ralph Stuckey, RRHA Vice President of Resident Services, explained that RRHA launched a summer youth work program modeled after the Mayor's Youth Academy and is expanding it in coordination with the City. RRHA would partner with Real Life to provide free de-escalation training through a State Attorney General's grant.

Corey Franklin, RRHA Senior Vice President of Affordable Housing, stated that RRHA hired de-escalation specialists for residents and management.

Chief of Police Rick Edwards discussed partnership with RRHA and PAL for summer youth programs, noting difficulties in prosecuting individuals for uploading violent acts and the risk of public embarrassment inciting further violence.

James JJ Minor, President of the Richmond Branch NAACP, provided information regarding upcoming NAACP events.

**Richmond Ambulance Authority and Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response Data Comparison**

[CD.2025.186](#) May 29, 2025 - RAA and DECPR Data Comparison

**Attachments:** [20250529 RAA and DECPR Data Comparison](#)

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Steve Taylor, Council Policy Analyst, provided background information regarding the data comparison for Richmond Ambulance Authority (RAA) and DECPR.

*The committee requested additional information regarding DECPR call answer data:*

- *Potential barriers regarding call answer data*
- *The 95% call answer goal*
- *Training for call categorization.*
- *The ratio of answered calls to automated messages*

Tory Maye, Deputy Director of Operations for DECPR, explained that call answer data varies, and monthly analysis provides better insight. Mr. Maye noted that DECPR is the second busiest call center in Virginia and will conduct in-person training prior to August 1, 2025. He explained that automated messages ensure emergency contact systems allow callback for disconnected calls.

Chic Decker, Richmond Ambulance Authority (RAA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO), presented RAA call answer data. When asked about transferring EMS calls from DECPR back to RAA, CEO Decker stated that the Robert Bobb Group recommended transferring emergency medical dispatch services to DECPR, while noting that RAA receiving EMS calls would ensure proper categorization.

### **Paper(s) for Consideration**

There were no papers for consideration.

### **Board Vacancies**

There were no board vacancies.

### **Discussion Item(s)**

There were no discussion items.

### **Staff Report**

Council staff provided the committee with the May Public Safety staff report.

[CD.2025.188](#) May 29, 2025 - Public Safety Staff Report

**Attachments:** [20250529 Public Safety Staff Report](#)

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## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.