



**ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thomas Hoey, Chair**

Meeting called by: Thomas Hoey, Chair | Date: April 14, 2026 | Time: 5:30 PM

Committee Members Present: Hoey, Chair | Brodie | Jones | Robinson | Williamson

Also Present: Common Council President Kelly Kimbrough

City Personnel Present: Bryan Jimenez (Legislative Director), Robert Wenner (Research Counsel); John Reilly, Jr (Counsel to the Mayor) and Liz Mariapen (Director of Intergovernmental Affairs)

Minutes

Agenda Item(s):

- ~~Interviewing a prospective applicant for appointment to the Community Police Review Board~~
- **LOCAL LAW G OF 2026**
A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND AMENDING CHAPTER 183 (EQUITY AGENDA) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

Public Comment:

No public comment was heard.

Discussion:

- Committee Chair Thomas Hoey discussed the April 14, 2026 agenda.
- Committee Member Deirdre Brodie noted that suggested changes to Local Law F of 2026 were included as part of Local Law G of 2026.
- Committee Member Brodie asked how the language regarding the funding of violence prevention activities interacts with Resolution 19.32.26R to which Counsel to the Mayor John Reilly, Jr., responded the spending of the line item in the budget relating to violence prevention programming will be at the discretion of the Task Force.
 - Committee Member Brodie clarified that that line item currently has no allocated funds and that the Task Force would be a volunteer board. Counsel Reilly responded affirmatively on both points.
- Committee Member John Williamson asked if the Director of Violence Prevention would be hired despite the hiring freeze, to which Counsel to the Mayor Reilly responded that the hiring freeze does not apply to non-emergency, non-essential personnel.

- Committee Member Williamson asked if a proposed director would come before the Council for approval, to which Counsel to the Mayor Reilly responded that the Charter does not grant the Common Council the authority to approve of office directors.
- Chair Hoey noted that some council members have circulated information that an individual has already been selected for the role of director and asked if council members could be included in discussions surrounding any individual selected for the role, to which Counsel Reilly responded that no individual has been selected for the position yet and shared that any candidate they select would have deep community ties.
- *Committee Member Brodie moved to pass Local Law G of 2026 out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Committee Member Lormenzo Jones and passed by voice vote.*

Adjourn:

Committee Member Jones moved to adjourn meeting, which was seconded by Committee Member Williamson and passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Bryan Jimenez
Legislative Director