

**Public Safety Advisory Commission – Columbus, GA**  
Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 9/16/2021  
**Location:** Milton Lockett Community Room – Public Safety Bldg.  
**Start time:** 4:00 PM EST  
**Adjournment time:** 5:00 PM EST  
**Next meeting:** Thursday, October 21, 2021  
**Meeting Recorder:** Annalisa Shelling

**Members Present:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Rohwedder, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donald Watkins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pete Temesgen, Vice-Chair         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Swiney    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Byron Hickey           | <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Branchcomb           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Taft                        |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belvin Millner         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alexander King |

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**Minutes**

The meeting started at 4:00 PM EST in the Milton Lockett Community Room of the Public Safety Building.

Stanley Swiney opened up the meeting by discussing the anonymous survey that the PSAC discussed during the last meeting. He stated that it was suggested to put this survey / CSU on hold pending the committee members review of the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis of the Columbus Police Department. He also mentioned getting the 2020 – 2021 Out Processing / Exit Interviews from CPD.

Byron Hickey stated that he is familiar with the SWOT Analysis. He stated that a select body of approximately 50 employees were chosen to participate in this. He feels this analysis will not give complete information, because this did not include all employees' opinions including officers that resigned. He stated that he does not feel that this information is not useful, however, he still feels like the PSAC should still produce an anonymous survey that is administered to the entire Columbus Police Department. Byron also stated that he would like to see the complete SWOT Analysis details and not just the compiled data.

Donald Watkins stated that he is concerned about CPD losing officers faster than we are able to get them in the Academy, and also that CPD is losing experienced officers. He stated that he also agrees that the PSAC should administer a survey that is guaranteed to be anonymous to all CPD employees. He feels that better information would be obtained from an anonymous survey. He stated that he heard patrol officers recently switched to 10-hour shifts. He heard that CPD did get officers input on the schedule change. He also heard that officers would get very limited weekends off with the schedule change.

**September Monthly Minutes** – The minutes were approved.

**Community Project** - A Community Project or Food Bank will be discussed at the next meeting. This would be a project that the Public Safety Advisory Commission could participate in.

**Recruiting Package** – Lisa Branchcomb suggested that a recruiting package be put together for the MP's at Fort Benning.

The next meeting on October 21, 2021, will be held in person in the Milton Lockett Community Room of the Public Safety Building at 4:00 PM EST. Mr. Seth Brown, Director of the Office of Crime Prevention will be the Guest Speaker at the October 2021 Meeting.

The September meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM EST