



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: Brandon Toole, First District
Co-Chair: Kevin Caneco, Twelfth District

December 9, 2025
4:00 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801**

MINUTES

A. Meeting Call to Order

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 04:00 PM by Mr. Caneco.

Members present: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street (virtual), David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

Members absent: Valerie George

B. Approval of Minutes

-A motion was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, to approve the minutes from November 18, 2025 - Public Safety Committee meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote at 4:01PM.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R25-203: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

Mr. Toole made a motion to move the Axon Program Proposal Presentation by NCCPD Colonel James Leonard ahead of the Review/Discussion of Resolution(s).

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°25-147: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$75,481 IN PRIVATE FUNDING FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE GROUP (PSEG) NUCLEAR THROUGH THE DELAWARE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM) FOR FY2026

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°25-148: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$70,733.55 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SLEAF) TO THE SLEAF FARO SCANNER GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°25-158: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$750,000 FROM THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX RESERVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE EQUIPMENT BUDGET LINE ITEM FOR THE FIRST PAYMENT OF THE RE-NEGOTIATED CONTRACT WITH AXON ENTERPRISES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

Discussion among Council Members, Mr. Tackett and Mr. Smiley.

E. Presentations

Axon Program Proposal by Colonel James Leonard, NCCPD

Discussion among Council Members, Ms. Williams-Johns, NCCPD Police Chief Leonard III, Mr. Smiley, NCCPD Police Lt. Cumberbatch, Mr. Street, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Toole, Mr Tackett and Mr. Caneco.

F. Other

Mr. Caneco commented on Mr. Carter being "physically threatened" at his District 6 Town Hall.

G. Public Comment

none

H. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Carter, to adjourn the **Public Safety Committee Meeting**. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 05:21 PM.