



LONDON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

MINUTES FROM THE OPEN MEETING

Thursday, August 21, 2025

HYBRID: Police Headquarters-Executive Boardroom / Teams

ATTENDANCE

LONDON POLICE SERVICE BOARD	LONDON POLICE SERVICE
Ryan Gauss, Chair	Acting Chief Treena MacSween
Nancy Branscombe, Vice Chair	Deputy Chief Scott Guilford
Hayley Faulkner, Member	Legal Director Madeline MacKinnon
Steve Lehman, Member (Absent)	Executive Office Krissy Cochrane
Josh Morgan, Member (Virtual)	
Susan Stevenson, Member	
Stephanie Johansen, Executive Director	
Melanie Coleman, Executive Assistant	
GUESTS	
Sergeant Travis Wintjes	Ron Leclair, Zone 6 Advisor
Superintendent David Pratt	

OPEN MEETING: Part 1

Chair Gauss advised that before proceeding with the Open meeting, a closed session would be held to discuss confidential HR, Finance and Legal Matters under s. 44(2) of the *CSPA*.

Moved By: S. Stevenson

Seconded By: S. Lehman

“THAT The London Police Service Board moves from Open to Closed session pursuant to Section 44 (2) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*.”

CARRIED

OPEN MEETING: Part 2

1. Procedural Matters

Meeting Returned To Open Session: 1:02 PM

Disclosures of Interest: None

Introduction of New Business: None

Chair Gauss advised that the regularly scheduled Board meeting on September 18th, 2025, will be replaced by a Special Public Budget Meeting on September 11th, 2025.

Moved By: N. Branscombe

Seconded By: H. Faulkner

“THAT The London Service Board approve the July 16, 2025, Open Meeting Minutes as presented.”

CARRIED

2. Governance and Oversight

2.1 Policy Approval: Chief’s Gala and S. 81 Policies Report #2508PB01

Executive Director Johanssen presented three policies to the Board for approval and consideration.

Moved By: S. Stevenson

Seconded By: N. Branscombe

“THAT The London Police Service Board approve and adopts the following policies, effective immediately:

1. A Governance Policy for the Board’s own Governance Manual that speaks to the Board’s obligations in terms of handling s. 81 investigations;
2. A Board Policy for the Service that outlines the expectations and requirements of the Service in terms of s. 81 investigations; and
3. A Board Policy for the Service that outlines the expectations and requirements around sponsorships and fundraising activities associated with the annual Chief’s Gala.”

CARRIED

2.2 Policy and Procedure Complaint (COAST) Report #2508CI01

Deputy Chief Guilford provided an overview of a policy and procedure complaint received last September concerning the COAST program. It was determined that no further action is required.

Moved By: N. Branscombe

Seconded By: S. Stevenson

“The London Police Service Board *conclude its review of the complaint, ensures that the relevant policies are incorporated into its policy review process, and advises the Inspector General of Policing of the outcome, including a copy of the report received from the Chief of Police.*

CARRIED

3. Uniformed Division

K9 Unit Presentation and Report #2508UD01

Chair Gauss reinforced the Board's commitment to raising public awareness by inviting specialized Service units to present at Public Board meetings.

Deputy Chief Guilford introduced the K9 Unit, highlighting its essential role in frontline policing and community safety. Acting Superintendent Pratt and Sgt. Winches provided an overview of the unit's history, noting it has been operational since 1972 and currently consists of six patrol teams and a master trainer. Each team is trained in patrol duties and one detection specialty, such as narcotics, firearms, or explosives.

The presentation outlined the unit's primary functions, including tracking and air scenting to locate suspects or persons in crisis, evidence recovery, detection work, and controlled apprehensions under strict use-of-force protocols. It was noted that deployments and arrests have increased with full staffing and integration with other units, while the apprehension (bite) rate remains very low at just over 2%. Challenges include access to realistic training sites and the difficulty and cost of sourcing suitable dogs.

This presentation is now available on the Board website:

<https://londonpoliceserviceboard.com/accountability-and-reporting/>

Received for information. No motion required.

4. Verbal Updates

Chair Gauss

Chair Gauss spoke to his attendance at the Canadian Association of Police Governance conference, and acknowledged the recent swearing-in and promotions ceremony, recognizing recruits, special constables, and staff advancements. Further appreciation was shown through the expansion of OPC class seats for London, reflecting provincial recognition of the Service's efforts.

Executive Johansen

The Board received an update on attendance at the CAPG and CACP conferences. It was noted that increased participation by governance personnel, alongside operational staff, provided a well-rounded perspective and strengthened the Board's understanding of both governance and operational priorities.

Acting Chief MacSween

Since the last meeting, the Service has been very active, swearing in 17 recruits and five special constables, celebrating several promotions, and securing 20 seats for the next intake, the largest class in LPS history. Members have participated in numerous community events, including Rookie League, Fiesta Extravaganza, Raksha Bandhan, Korean Liberation Day, and citizenship

ceremonies, where one of our own members recently became a citizen. The Service also welcomed the Minister of Public Safety and local MP for a productive discussion on community safety, and attended the national CAPG conference in Victoria. In the past 24 hours, three impaired drivers were removed from the road, reflecting the Service's continued focus on traffic and community safety.

Member Morgan Left The Meeting at 1:48 pm

6. New Business

None

7. Adjournment

Adjourned at 1:53 PM

Moved By: N. Branscombe

Seconded By: S. Stevenson

"THAT The London Police Service Board adjourn the Public Session of the August



CARRIED

Ryan Gauss, Chair
London Police Service Board
October 16, 2025