

**CAMPUS SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
**May 5, 2021**

The Campus Safety Commission met on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 virtually via Zoom Video Conferencing. Co-Chair Frank Baumgartner and Co-Chair DeVetta Holman-Copeland convened the meeting at 9:15 AM due a delay caused by live-streaming technical difficulties.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** DeVetta Holman-Copeland, Frank Baumgartner, Branny Vickory, Charles Streeter, OJ McGhee, Eric Muller, De'Ivyion Drew, Robert Campbell, Latesha Harris, Josh Romero, Chris McClure (Chancellor's Office), Emily Blackburn (Chancellor's Office), Kate Maroney (Media Relations), Chief David Perry (UNCPD)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Branny Vickory and a second by OJ McGhee, the minutes of the April 7 General Body Meeting were approved.

[A copy of these minutes is located at [csc.unc.edu](http://csc.unc.edu)]

**OPEN COMMENT PERIOD**

**Ty-Ron Douglas Head Space Heart Space event feedback and discussion**

Dr. Ty-Ron Douglas was our guest speaker for this event, spoke on Emotional and Psychological Safety in partnership with UNC Athletics, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and the UNC School of Social Work. The event was titled "Head Space, Heart Space: Straight Talk About Navigating Race, Place and Complex Space". The virtual event highlighted speaker [Dr. Ty-Ron Douglas](#), whose work explores the intersections between identity, community space (e.g. athletics, barbershops, churches and neighborhoods) and the social and cultural foundations of leadership, sport, and education. Dr. Douglas's mother, Lucy, also attended and took part in the panel discussion with Ty-Ron and Dr. Travis Albritton.

The Co-Chairs extended thanks to our campus partners, Cloe Lipriani, Dr. Travis Albritton, and Dwight Hollier who supported this event through their respective departments. The event was very well attended and participation was high throughout the event. More information is available on [csc.unc.edu](http://csc.unc.edu) and a recording of the event can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNQs7LBIXKE>.

**Chief Perry updates on student robberies, Campus Y, Elizabeth City**

Frank Baumgartner invited Chief Perry to provide any timely updates to the Commission, and thanked the Chief for adding the Commission Co-Chairs to the daily email update that is sent out from the UNC Police Department. Baumgartner commended the hard work of the Chief's team and invited him to share remarks.

Chief Perry first addressed an update on the Campus Y and burglary that took place earlier in the year. UNC PD has been in touch with the District Attorney responsible for this case. The student is being represented by a public defender and his court date is still pending based upon an administrative assignment.

Three robberies took place off campus with student and non-students and UNC PD was immediately made aware of the situation and in communication with Chapel Hill Police Department and event student leaders that reached out with information. Chief Perry thanked Chief Blue for this willingness to communicate in response to these crimes.

The database for the Carolina Review was hacked using a toolkit called “firebase”. The Charlotte Police Department is the investigative party for the hack based on the jurisdiction where the crime took place.

Lastly, Chief Perry addressed the protests in Elizabeth City. Elizabeth City State requested assistance through the University System, and UNC PD sent three officers to assist in backfilling the positions of officers who were sent to assist in managing the protests. That assistance has since ended, but UNC PD is prepared to send additional assistance if requested.

### **PANDEMIC PLANNING AND UPDATES DISCUSSION**

Commission member Charles Streeter expressed some concern with the re-introduction of employees, staff, and students into the campus community in the wake of the pandemic and racial unrest that has plagued the past year. Streeter specifically addressed concern regarding the staff’s return to campus and how to navigate those who may be disgruntled or do not wish to wear a mask in workspaces. Streeter noted the importance of University leadership addressing these issues in a proactive way to ensure a smooth transition back to campus.

Commission member OJ McGhee also expressed that, in his conversations, faculty members have also expressed concerns in this same vein with an emphasis on the mental health issues that have stemmed from the events of the past year. There is also concern from community members that the events of the past year, particularly the events of January 6, might further embolden individuals to come to campus and make political statements that may not always be peaceful. Chancellor’s Office representative Chris McClure noted that leadership are aware of these concerns, and at the time of this meeting, the Provost and Chancellor are meeting with the Employee Forum to have some of these exact conversations. Becci Menghini in the Office of Human Resources is also paying a great deal of attention to this transition time and ensuring that folks are able to return smoothly and safely.

A conversation ensued regarding the mandating of COVID-19 vaccines for students, staff, and faculty. Chris McClure noted that University Counsel is in consultation with leadership and the System Office, but there is no additional information to be shared at this time.

**UNC IIRM POLLING DISCUSSION, KIM STROM**

Due to the absence of Commission member Kim Strom, this agenda item has been postponed until the June meeting.

**ANNUAL REPORT PLANNING**

Co-Chair DeVetta Holman-Copeland requested that each subcommittee elect a member to coordinate and draft a submission on behalf of their respective subcommittee to be included in the Annual Report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Co-Chair Baumgartner called for a motion to adjourn. Josh Romero made the motion; Eric Muller seconded, and it passed. Co-Chair Baumgartner adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.