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## Campus Police to Keep Guns

### PSU outlines decision; students call for boycott

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The decision over whether Portland State University campus police can continue to carry firearms has been put to rest, and the answer is, yes, they can.

Following a contentious PSU Board of Trustees meeting Thursday and a controversial 2014 decision to arm campus police in the first place, Stephen Percy, PSU's interim president, issued an 18-page report outlining details for keeping students safe on campus that calls for more training, more types of responses to emergency or critical situations, and the ability of campus police to keep their firepower.

The decision was based in part on a 210-page report by Margolis Healy and Associates that was issued in February and one that makes 115 recommendations related "to campus safety policies, practices, training, recruitment, hiring, facilities and technology."

Percy's report, "A Holistic Plan for Campus Public Safety at Portland State University," was in response to the first-ever PSU campus police shooting on June 29,



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Portland State University alumna and graduate student Olivia Pace addresses the PSU Board of Trustees Thursday to strongly criticize the university's decision to continue arming campus police with guns. The decision, part of a new campus safety plan, follows the first ever PSU officer-involved shooting that killed a black man breaking up a fight outside a bar near campus last year.

2018 when Jason Washington, a black father, postal worker and U.S. veteran, was shot to death by campus police when he

tried to break up a fight outside a bar near campus while armed with a legal gun. PSU decided to arm its public safety force in

2014 in a decision that was loudly opposed by students and faculty at the time.

The tragic death of Mr. Washington shook the PSU campus to its core. It prompted the University to reexamine campus safety systems." The report can be viewed at [pdx.edu/president](http://pdx.edu/president).

James Dewey and Shawn McKenzie, the two officers involved in the shooting, have left the campus security force. Michelle Washington, Jason Washington's widow, notified the university of a pending lawsuit against the university in June on behalf of herself and her three daughters.

Michelle Washington spoke tearfully at the Board of Trustees meeting before Percy released the new report in a room filled with student protesters holding signs and visibly uncomfortable board members.

Washington described how difficult life has been since her husband's death.

"I honestly don't know how to go on without him and I've worked so hard to try and make people understand what it's



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Tears flow as Michelle Washington, widow of Jason Washington, the black father killed by Portland State University campus police while responding to a fight outside a bar near campus last year, tells the PSU Board of Trustees how painful it is for her and her daughters to go through life without him.

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