



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

5:00 PM

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Special Meeting – Working Session – Discuss Finalists and Deliberate Regarding Final Selection

The City of Madison is holding the Police and Fire Commission meeting in virtual format.

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This meeting was not recorded.

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5pm. All attendees participated via Zoom.

Present: 4 - Kevin C. Gundlach; Mary Schauf; Martha J. Vukelich-Austin and Azure D. Fudge Hart

Absent: 1 - Veronica Figueroa Velez

Public Comment

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Public Input on the Police Chief Hiring Process

Attachments:

[2025 Police Chief Job Posting.pdf](#)
[01182025 Paul Quinn Email](#)
[03102025 Feedback to PFC from Professional Civilian MPD Staff](#)
[03132025 Satya Rhodes-Conway Letter to PFC](#)
[03272025 Charles Barnhill Email](#)
[03282025 Heather Ayres Email](#)
[03292025 Dan Fitch Email](#)
[03302025 Paul Olson Email](#)
[04202025 George Silverwood Email](#)
[04152025 Kim Richman Public Comment](#)
[05052025 Joe Gothard Letter](#)
[05072025 Victor Wahl Letter](#)
[05282025 Gabriel Lee Email](#)
[06182025 Bonnie Roe Email](#)
[06182025 Joseph Keyes Email](#)
[06182025 Janet Hirsch Email](#)
[06222025 Nick Davies Email](#)
[07112025 Xong Vang Email](#)
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[07122025 Laura Bero Email.pdf](#)
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[07142025 Linda Gerke Email.pdf](#)
[07142025 Latinx Consortium for Action Letter.pdf](#)
[07142025 David Couper Statement to PFC.pdf](#)
[07152025 Rose Gordon Email.pdf](#)
[07152025 Wendy Lee Email.pdf](#)
[07162025 Susan Williams Email.pdf](#)
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[07292025 Khaled Shabani Email.pdf](#)
[07302025 Bob Dole Email.pdf](#)
[07302025 Mike Kohn Email.pdf](#)
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[08272025 Dale Schultz Email.pdf](#)

[08282025 Kim Kelly Email.pdf](#)

Public comment was not taken at this special meeting

Disclosures and Recusals

There were no disclosures or recusals

Closed Session

A motion was made by Vukelich-Austin, seconded by Fudge Hart, to convene into closed session. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The commissioners convened into closed session at 5:03pm.

Commissioner Figueroa Velez joined the meeting at 5:46pm, during closed session.

Present: 5 - Veronica Figueroa Velez; Kevin C. Gundlach; Mary Schauf; Martha J. Vukelich-Austin and Azure D. Fudge Hart

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Contemplated closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) to discuss and take action, if appropriate, regarding employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(f) regarding considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations; specifically:

- Conduct deliberations regarding the final candidates for the position of Police Chief
- Review background check information for the final candidates for the position of Police Chief

Discussion was held in closed session and action taken in open session.

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Reconvene into open session and take action, if appropriate, regarding the items discussed in closed session.

A motion was made by Vukelich-Austin, seconded by Gundlach, to reconvene into open session. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The Commission reconvened in open session at 6:38pm.

A motion was made by Vukelich-Austin, seconded by Gundlach, to make a conditional offer of employment to John Patterson for Chief of Police. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Vukelich-Austin, seconded by Figueroa Velez, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.