



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes 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?*

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Friday, February 9, 2024

9:00 AM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 204 (Madison Municipal Building)

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### Special Meeting -- Evidentiary Hearing in the Matter of Charges brought by Police Chief Shon F. Barnes, Complainant v. Sergeant Nicholas Ellis, Respondent

The City of Madison is holding this Special Meeting in person to facilitate the examination of witnesses. All participants and attendees will wear masks and maintain physical distancing to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. All other regular and special meetings will continue to be held virtually unless otherwise specified.

Public comment will not be taken at this Evidentiary Hearing.

#### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9am.

#### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

#### EVIDENTIARY HEARING

1. Evidentiary Hearing in the Matter of Charges brought by Police Chief Shon F. Barnes, Complainant v. Sergeant Nicholas Ellis, Respondent  
**The hearing resumed with witness testimony. Both parties will submit written briefs by February 16.**
2. The Commission may convene into closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(a) (deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of a quasi-judicial hearing before the governmental body); Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) (considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility); and Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) (conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written legal advice related to pending litigation); specifically:  
  
to receive legal advice regarding the Evidentiary Hearing in the Matter of Charges brought by Police Chief Shon F. Barnes, Complainant v. Sergeant Nicholas Ellis, Respondent and/or to deliberate regarding these charges or

motions brought by either party.

**The Commission did not convene into closed session**

3. Reconvene into open session to consider any remaining agenda items and to take action, if appropriate, regarding the items discussed in closed session

**The Commission did not convene into closed session**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Schauf, seconded by Gundlach, to adjourn this meeting and continue the Evidentiary Hearing for the receipt of the parties' written briefs and for the Board's deliberations. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:48am.**