



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?*

Monday, October 13, 2025

5:30 PM

Virtual meeting via Zoom

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Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm. All attendees participated via Zoom.

Present: 4 - Veronica Figueroa Velez; Mary Schauf; Martha J. Vukelich-Austin and Azure D. Fudge Hart

Excused: 1 - Kevin C. Gundlach

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Figueroa Velez, seconded by Schauf, to approve the minutes from September 8, 2025 and October 1, 2025. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Public Comment

1. [90368](#) Public Comment for the Police and Fire Commission meeting of October 13,

2025

There was no public comment

Disclosures and Recusals

There were no disclosures or recusals

Fire Department Items

Deputy Chief Liza Tatar gave the report of the Madison Fire Department.

- 2. [90369](#) Consideration and potential action regarding 24 candidates for Fire Department hiring list

Attachments: [10-13-2025 MFD Agenda.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Fudge Hart, seconded by Vukelich-Austin, to approve twenty-four (24) candidates for hire from the eligibility list and additional candidates from the eligibility list as a contingent hiring list, effective January 5, 2026. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 3. [90370](#) General status report on Fire Department retirements and resignations

There were no resignations or retirements to report

- 4. [90371](#) General status report on Fire Department disciplinary matters

Chief Tatar reported on seven investigations.

Police Department Items

Captain Stephanie Drescher gave the report of the Police Department.

- 5. [90372](#) Review the preliminary recommendation of the Police Chief regarding promotions (4 candidates) and schedule personnel file reviews

Attachments: [MPD Oct PFC Packet.pdf](#)

President Schauf volunteered to review the files.

- 6. [90373](#) Consideration and potential action regarding extension of probation period

Captain Drescher gave notice that the department will be requesting an extended probationary period for one recruit. No action is required at this time.

- 7. [90374](#) Status update regarding Police Department acting positions

Captain Drescher updates the commissioner regarding acting positions.

- 8. [90375](#) Status update on 2025-2026 Police Department Eligibility List and potential action to add candidates to Eligibility List

A motion was made by Fudge Hart, seconded by Vukelich-Austin, to add 18 individuals to the eligibility list for Police Department hiring. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 9. [90376](#) Status update on MPD Accelerated Class, Fall 2025 - Swearing-in

Captain Drescher notified and invited the commissioners to a swearing-in ceremony for the two (2) candidates for the Accelerated class on November 19.

These candidates will be brought forward for approval to a hiring list at a future meeting.

- 10. [90377](#) Status update on 2025-2026 Police Department Promotional Process

Captain Drescher noted eight (8) candidates approved for the Sergeant panel. Notices will be sent out for Detective, Investigator, and Lieutenant promotional opportunities.

- 11. [90378](#) Status update on 2025 Pre-Service Academy

Captain Drescher reported that all 32 recruits in the class passed their phase two examinations. Commissioners are invited to the November 13 graduation.

- 12. [90379](#) General status report on Police Department retirements and resignations

Captain Tim Patton will retire effective January 2026 after 23 years of service to the Madison Police Department.
Lieutenant Greg Esser will retire effective January 2026 after 28 years of service.

The Captain and commissioners expressed their gratitude for these officers' service.

One probationary police officer resigned in lieu of termination.

- 13. [90380](#) General status report on Police Department disciplinary matters

One individual resigned in lieu of termination.
There are four ongoing investigations and one new investigation.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm