



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 14, 2024

5:30 PM

Virtual meeting via Zoom

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:42pm. All attendees participated via Zoom, except that Commissioner Gundlach participated via phone.

Present: 3 - Veronica Figueroa Velez; Mary Schauf and William Greer

Absent: 1 - Kevin C. Gundlach

Excused: 1 - Azure D. Fudge Hart

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Schauf, seconded by Figueroa Velez, to Approve the Minutes of September 9, 2024 and September 18, 2024. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [85162](#) Public Comment for the Police and Fire Commission Meeting of October 14,

2024

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

Present: 5 - Veronica Figueroa Velez; Kevin C. Gundlach; Mary Schauf; William Greer and Azure D. Fudge Hart

FIRE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

Assistant Chief Scott Bavery gave the report of the Madison Fire Department.

2. [85677](#) Consideration and potential action on final recommendations of the Fire Chief regarding the following candidates after successful completion of the probationary period:
- i. Deputy Chief Liza Tatar - effective October 9, 2024
 - ii. Lieutenant David Guthrie - effective October 1, 2024
 - iii. Apparatus Engineer Joshua Ramsey - effective October 1, 2024

Attachments: [10-14-2024 MFD Agenda.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Schauf, seconded by Figueroa Velez, to accept the final recommendation of the Chief to promote Liza Tatar to the rank of Deputy Chief following successful completion of the probationary period, effective October 9, 2024.

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Greer, seconded by Schauf, to accept the final recommendation of the Chief to promote David Guthrie to the rank of Lieutenant following successful completion of the probationary period, effective October 1, 2024.

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Schauf, seconded by Gundlach, to accept the final recommendation of the Chief to promote Joshua Ramsey to the rank of Apparatus Engineer following successful completion of the probationary period, effective October 1, 2024.

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [85679](#) Consideration and potential action regarding Fire Department eligibility list

A motion was made by Figueroa Velez, seconded by Greer, to Approve the Fire Department Eligibility List. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [85678](#) Preliminary recommendations of the Fire Chief regarding promotions and schedule personnel file reviews (5 candidates)

Commissioner Figueroa Velez will review the files.

5. [85680](#) General status report on Fire Department retirements and resignations

None to report

6. [85681](#) General status report on Fire Department disciplinary matters

There are 2 open investigations

POLICE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

Captain Tim Patton gave the report of the Madison Police Department.

7. [85682](#) Consideration and potential action on final recommendations of the Police Chief regarding the following candidates after successful completion of the probationary period:

- i. Eugene Woehrle, Captain , effective January 5, 2025
- ii. Caleb Johnson, Lieutenant, effective January 5, 2025
- iii. Nicholas Eull, Lieutenant, effective January 5, 2025

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

These three promotions are preliminary recommendations, not final recommendations. The commissioners will schedule informal meetings with the command-level candidates and Commissioner Schauf will review files.

8. [85683](#) Consideration and potential action on adding five (5) candidates to the 2024-2025 Police Department Hiring List

A motion was made by Figueroa Velez, seconded by Schauf, to approve five additions to hiring list

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

9. [85684](#) Status Update on Police Department Acting Positions

Captain Patton notified the commissioners of Acting appointments.

10. [85685](#) Status Update on 2024 Pre-Service Academy

Captain Patton provided an update on the Pre-Service Academy.

11. [85686](#) General status report on Police Department retirements and resignations

Notable retirements

Captain Jason Freedman, effective January 3, 2025, hired September 1997

Lieutenant Lori Chalecki, effective January 3, 2025, hired September, 1997

Scott Kleinfeldt, Lieutenant effective March 11, 2025, hired May, 2002

12. [85687](#) General status report on Police Department disciplinary matters

Captain Patton reported three open investigations: one ongoing investigation into a potential violation of APM 3-5 and two potential violations of the code of conduct, one of which resulted in the placement of the officer on administrative leave.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Schauf, seconded by Gundlach, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.