



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, January 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 participants attended via Zoom.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [86693](#) Public Comment for the Police and Fire Commission Meeting of January 13, 2025

Attachments: [LCA Letter Asst Chief John Patterson Recommendation.pdf](#)

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

FIRE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

2. [86680](#) Preliminary recommendation of the Fire Chief regarding promotions

Attachments: [01-13-2025 MFD Agenda.pdf](#)

This item was discussed in closed session.

3. [86681](#) Status update on 2025 Fire Department Recruit Academy

Chief Bavery gave the update. 30 recruits joined the department on January 6, 2025.

4. [86682](#) General status report on Fire Department retirements

Chief Bavery noted the following retirements:
Firefighter Steven Grosse, 24 Years of service
Lieutenant David Blocker, 23 Years of service
Lieutenant Paul Mason, 28 Years of service
Lieutenant Tim Hagen, 25 Years of service
Apparatus Engineer Craig Jones, 24 Years of service
Lieutenant Rob Ready, 29 Years of service
Firefighter/Paramedic Todd Crawley, 26 Years of service

5. [86683](#) General status report on Fire Department disciplinary matters

Chief Bavery reported on open cases. There was one suspension for which notice to the PFC was given.

POLICE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

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Captain Stephanie Drescher gave the report of the Madison Police Department.

6. [86684](#) Consideration and potential action to designate a Department Officer who is temporarily authorized to act as Chief of Police until such time as the Board makes a permanent appointment to the Chief of Police position

A motion was made by Greer, seconded by Figueroa Velez, to appoint Assistant Chief John Patterson to the position of Acting Chief of Police until a new Chief of Police is hired.

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. [86685](#) Preliminary recommendation of the Police Chief regarding promotions and schedule personnel file reviews

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

Commissioner Figueroa Velez will conduct the file review.

8. [86686](#) Consideration and potential action on Final Recommendations of the Police Chief following successful completion of the probationary period:

- i. Kyle Walling, Police Officer, effective 1/30/2025
- ii. Jacob Voight, Police Officer, effective 1/30/2025
- iii. Jason Baumgart, Sergeant, effective 1/21/2025
- iv. Kellen Dzick, Detective, effective 2/4/2025
- v. Daniel Frei, Sergeant, effective 1/21/2025
- vi. Bradley Frias, Detective, effective 2/4/2025
- vii. Ruben Gonzalez, Detective, effective 2/4/2025
- viii. Alexa Graham, Detective, effective 2/4/2025
- ix. Pamela Hallsson, Investigator, effective 2/4/2025
- x. Ashley Knapp, Detective, effective 2/4/2025
- xi. Jared La Porta, Detective, effective 2/4/2025
- xii. Jessica Sosoka, Sergeant, effective 1/21/2025

A motion was made by Schauf, seconded by Gundlach, to approve the final recommendations of the Police Chief for the following members after successful completion of the probationary period:

**Kyle Walling, Police Officer, effective 1/30/2025
Jacob Voight, Police Officer, effective 1/30/2025
Jason Baumgart, Sergeant, effective 1/21/2025
Kellen Dzick, Detective, effective 2/4/2025
Daniel Frei, Sergeant, effective 1/21/2025
Bradley Frias, Detective, effective 2/4/2025
Ruben Gonzalez, Detective, effective 2/4/2025
Alexa Graham, Detective, effective 2/4/2025
Pamela Hallsson, Investigator, effective 2/4/2025
Ashley Knapp, Detective, effective 2/4/2025
Jared La Porta, Detective, effective 2/4/2025
Jessica Sosoka, Sergeant, effective 1/21/2025**

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

9. [86687](#) Status update on Police Department acting positions

Captain Drescher presented one acting position.

10. [86688](#) General status report on Police Department retirements and resignations

Captain Drescher reported one resignation from the department.

11. [86689](#) Consideration and potential action on twenty-nine (29) candidates for inclusion on the Police Department eligibility list

A motion was made by Figueroa Velez, seconded by Schauf, to Approve the 29 names on the eligibility list as presented. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

12. [86690](#) General status report on Police Department disciplinary matters

Captain Drescher reported on one ongoing investigation. There were no suspensions requiring notification to the PFC.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Gundlach, seconded by Schauf, to Convene into Closed Session. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The Commission convened into closed session at 5:53pm.

13. [86691](#) 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; specifically:
- a. Consider specific candidate(s) for designation to temporarily act as Chief of Police (if closed session is necessary)
 - b. Preliminary recommendation of the Fire Chief for promotion of the following candidates and report on personnel file reviews:
 - i. Firefighter Robert Luling to Lieutenant, effective 1/19/25
 - ii. Apparatus Engineer Derek Brown to Lieutenant, effective 1/19/25
 - iii. Firefighter Peter Friedericks to Lieutenant, effective 1/19/25
 - iv. Firefighter/Paramedic Laura Prom to Lieutenant, effective 1/19/25
 - v. Firefighter/Paramedic Jacob Kuehne to Lieutenant, effective 1/19/25
 - vi. Apparatus Engineer Robert O'Hagan to Lieutenant, effective 1/19/25
 - c. Preliminary recommendation of the Police Chief for promotion of the following candidates and report on personnel file reviews:
 - i. Police Officer Tyler Hess to Detective, effective 2/2/25

These items were discussed in closed session and voted on in open session.

14. [86692](#) Reconvene into open session to consider any remaining agenda items and to take action, if appropriate, regarding the items discussed in closed session

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

The Commissioners reconvened into open session at 7:05pm

A motion was made by Fudge Hart, seconded by Schauf, to accept the

preliminary recommendation of the Fire Chief to promote Firefighter Robert Luling, Apparatus Engineer Derek Brown, Firefighter/Paramedic Laura Prom, Firefighter/Paramedic Jacob Kuehne, and ratus Engineer Robert O'Hagan to the rank of Lieutenant, all effective January 19, 2025

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Fudge Hart, seconded by Figueroa Velez, to Postpone consideration of Firefighter Friedericks to February business meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Schauf, seconded by Figueroa Velez, to accept the preliminary recommendation of the Police Chief to promote Police Officer Tyler Hess to Detective, effective February 2, 2025. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:09pm