

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Police Merit Commission**  
**November 18, 2025**  
**George Keller Public Assembly Room- Lawrence Government Center**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ronald Christensen, Gail Gartin, Karen Horth-Powers, Charles Wheeler

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Hendrickson

ALSO PRESENT: Kalie Dunkerson-Kearney, Lisa Harvey

STAFF PRESENT: Lieutenant Scott Evans

STAFF PRESENT BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

Commission President Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 8, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Horth-Powers. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

New Business:

Lt. Evans requested approval of 1 candidate to proceed to the next phase of the hiring process. Mr. Christensen moved to deem the request approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gartin. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Lt. Evans explained 12 candidates deemed unacceptable to be removed from the process. Mrs. Horth-Powers moved to deem the request approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gartin. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Lt. Evans requested to provide Conditional Offers of employment to 1 applicant. Mrs. Gartin moved to deem the request approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Christensen. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Lt. Evans requested that Probationary Officers fill all vacancies within the department. Mrs. Gartin moved to deem the request approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Horth-Powers. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

COMMENTS OF THE POLICE CHIEF: Lt. Evan thanked everyone on behalf of Chief Bigsbee.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm by unanimous vote of the Board.

NEXT MTG: 12/08/25 6:00pm  
Election of officers will take place

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Charles Wheeler, President

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Lisa Harvey, Executive Assistant

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, except for the motions.