

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Police Merit Commission
January 11, 2021
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Wheeler, Gail Gartin and Karen Horth Powers were present

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Robert Crouch and Bob Hendrickson

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton

STAFF PRESENT: None

STAFF BY ZOOM: Police Chief Hofmann

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

COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Powers moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 9, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gartin. By a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The election of President of the Police Merit Commission was opened for nominations. Mrs. Gartin nominated Charles Wheeler for President. Mr. Wheeler closed nominations for President. Thereupon, Mr. Wheeler, as the only nominee, was elected unanimously by a roll call vote.

The election of Vice President of the Police Merit Commission was opened for nominations. Mr. Wheeler nominated Gail Gartin for Vice President. Mr. Wheeler closed nominations for Vice President. Thereupon, Mrs. Gartin, as the only nominee, was elected unanimously by a roll call vote.

The election of Secretary of the Police Merit Commission was opened for nominations. Mrs. Gartin nominated Ms. Karen Horth Powers for Secretary. Mr. Wheeler closed nominations for Secretary. Thereupon, Ms. Powers, as the only nominee, was elected unanimously by a roll call vote.

After each nomination, Commission President Wheeler three times called for any additional nominations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Police Chief Hofmann requested approval to amend Article II, Section F, (2) of the Rules of the Lawrence Police Department Merit Commission. Following discussion, Ms. Powers moved to approve the amendment to the Rules of the Lawrence Police Department Merit Commission. Mrs. Gartin seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION: Police Chief Hofmann promised the Commission that when meetings again become in-person, he will provide many examples of outstanding LPD performance to be recognized.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Police Chief Hofmann thanked the Commission for their action on the rule change because the department is in the early stages of the next hiring process. Police Chief Hofmann encouraged members of the Commission and anyone from the public that might be tuning in to go to the LPD website and click on joinlawrencepd.com. He noted that the site contains a great deal of content on activity within the Lawrence Police Department.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Commission.

Charles Wheeler, President

Kathleen Walton, City Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, with the exception of the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.