

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Police Merit Commission**  
**May 16, 2022**  
**Special Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Wheeler, Bob Hendrickson, Karen Horth Powers, and Ronald Christensen

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gail Gartin

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton

STAFF PRESENT: Chief of Staff Hofmann

STAFF BY ZOOM: Captain Schneider

Commission President Wheeler called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. 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 April 25, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hendrickson and carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Captain Schneider filed the results of the Oral Interview phase of the Applicant Process to determine the minimum passing standards. Following discussion, Ms. Powers moved to approve the recommendation from the Institute for Public Safety Personnel (IPSP) for applicants who scored higher than 65.453% (applicants 1-6). The motion was seconded by Mr. Hendrickson and carried 4-0.

Mr. Hendrickson moved to accept applicants 1-6 based on that standard and have the applicants proceed to the background phase of the hiring process. The motion was seconded by Mr. Christensen and carried 4-0.

Captain Schneider requested the certification of members with the three (3) highest scores for Sergeant: Applicant ID #0532, Applicant ID #0529, and Applicant ID #1738. Mr. Hendrickson moved to certify the members with the 3 highest scores for Sergeant. The motion was seconded by Ms. Powers and carried 4-0.

COMMENTS OF POLICE CHIEF: Captain Schneider reported that on May 15, 2022, she had attended the National Law Enforcement Day ceremonies in Washington D. C. She went on to say that, because this is National Police Week, several individuals have been bringing various gifts and donations to the Lawrence Police Department. She concluded by saluting all the personnel in the Lawrence Police Department for their service to the community.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Commission.

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Charles Wheeler, President

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Kathleen Walton, City Clerk

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