

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Police Merit Commission
December 12, 2022
Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY ZOOM: Bob Hendrickson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Woodruff, Lieutenant Scott Evans, Officer Brian Sharp, and Sergeant Brandon Raftery

STAFF BY ZOOM: None

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

COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS: President Wheeler reviewed the electronic attendance policy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Christensen moved to approve the amended minutes of the special meeting on November 21, 2022. Mrs. Gartin seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Police Chief Woodruff requested the certification of members with the three (3) highest scores for Lieutenant: Applicant ID #0671, Applicant ID #0622, and Applicant ID #1717. Mrs. Gartin moved to certify the members with the 3 highest scores for Lieutenant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hendrickson and carried 5-0 by a roll call vote.

Police Chief Woodruff recommends the promotion of certified ID # 0671 (Sergeant David Gordon) to Lieutenant on December 25, 2022. Mr. Christensen moved to promote Sergeant David Gordon to Lieutenant. Ms. Powers seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

Commission members received and reviewed a notice of discipline from Police Chief Woodruff. Following the review, Ms. Powers moved to accept the notice of discipline from Police Chief Woodruff. Mr. Christensen seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION: None

COMMENTS OF THE POLICE CHIEF: Police Chief Woodruff said there are four candidates in the hiring process that have moved to the background phase. Police Chief Woodruff commended Captain Schneider and recognized members of the committee who streamlined the hiring process and amendments to the commission rules. He commended the committee for all their hard work.

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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, except for the motions.