

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Police Merit Commission
June 9, 2025
Public Assembly Room
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Horth- Powers, Gail Gartin, and Ronald Christensen, Bob Hendrickson

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Wheeler

ALSO PRESENT: Amber Baldwin

STAFF PRESENT: Lieutenant Scott Evans

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

Commission Vice President Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:13pm and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs Gartin moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 13th. The motion was seconded by Mrs Horton-Powers. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Lt. Evans requested to establish an eligibility list for 6 candidates passing background deemed acceptable continue to the next phase of the hiring process. Mr. Hendrickson moved to deem the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Horth-Powers. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Lt. Evans requested that 5 candidates considered unacceptable be removed from the process. Mrs Horth-Powers moved to deem the request to be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gartin. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Lt. Evans requested to extend conditional offers of employment to the 6 candidates with the highest score who still demonstrate good character. Mrs. Gartin moved to deem the request approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Horth-Powers. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Lt Evans requested that applicants who pass an updated background investigation and meet all the requirements of the INPRS 1977 Fund become Probationary Officers to fill all 6 vacancies within the department.

COMMENTS FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Extend thanks to the Merit Commission Members for all they continue to do for the department.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Ronald Christensen, Vice President

Amber Baldwin, Executive Assistant

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

