

CITY of LAWRENCE
Police Merit Commission
George Keller
Public Assembly Room
Lawrence Government Center
9001 E. 59th Street

November 18, 2024

6pm

*****REGULAR MEETING*****

AGENDA

Call to order
Pledge of allegiance
Determination of quorum
Comments of Commission Members
Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 21, 2024
Unfinished Business - None
New Business

1. Certify the remaining two (2) candidates for Sergeant:
 - Candidate ID # 0366
 - Candidate ID # 0367
2. Recommend the Promotion of certified candidate ID #0366 to the rank of Sergeant effective 12-12-2024.
3. Filing of the written examination results with a level 3 CSEM (70%) – See Attachment
 - 15 candidates will proceed to the review of Oral Interview minimum passing standards.

As a reference: Determining the minimum passing standards for the written exam. (This was pre-determined at the 11-21-2022 Merit Commission Meeting for the life of the contract with FPSI)

4. Filing of oral interview results of Acceptable or Outstanding (100-60%) – See Attachment
 - 14 candidates will proceed to the background phase.
 - The remaining 1 will be removed as their score was unacceptable.

As a reference: Determining the minimum passing standards for the oral interview. (This was pre-determined at the 11-21-2022 Merit Commission Meeting for the life of the contract with FPSI)

5. Determining Selection Criteria – If applicable: Recommended to give 0.5 point for each section – These points will be added when determining the eligibility list.
 - War veteran who has been honorably discharged from the United States armed forces.
 - War Veteran: a veteran who served in the active-duty military, naval, or air service, (including Reservist and National Guard) in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998.
 - Mother or father who was a firefighter of a unit, municipal police officer, or county police officer, died in the line of duty (as defined in IC 5-10-10-2).
 - Was a police officer, firefighter, county police officer or a full-time or part-time employee by a township to provide fire protection and emergency services; who has been laid off (IC 36-8-4-11); and/or
 - A Tier 1 graduate from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) from the basic law enforcement certification and maintained in-service training hours for the certification.

Attachment: 2024-02 Applicants-Merit Commission Recommendation

- **Spreadsheet “Physical Agility Test MC”**
 - ❖ As requested by the Commission this spreadsheet shows the Board Members the results of physical agility.

- **Spreadsheet “Written Exam Results MC”**
 - ❖ This spreadsheet shows the order of candidates and their scores for the written exam.
- Fire & Police Selection, Inc. (FPSI) recommends using the modified Angoff approach when determining cutoff scores for written tests. This approach has been accepted by the courts (U.S. Supreme Court vs. South Carolina, 1987) and results in reducing the “Angoff” level (i.e., difficulty level) of the test, as identified by Police Officers and Sergeants in the original test validation workshop. The Angoff is reduced by 1, 2, or 3 Conditional Standard Errors of Measurement (CSEMs). The unmodified Angoff for the written test is a raw score of 82 (i.e., job experts in the validation workshop determined that minimally qualified candidates should answer 82% of the test items correctly). The CSEM for this test is 4.00.
 - ❖ This means that if 3 CSEMs were used, the cutoff would be set at 70%.
 - ❖ If the CSEM 3 is approved, 15 candidates will proceed to the review of Oral Interview minimum passing standards.
 - ❖ The remaining 5 will be removed based on the “minimum standards” cut off.
- **Spreadsheet “Interview Results MC”**
 - ❖ This spreadsheet shows the order of candidates and their scores for the oral interview.
- Fire & Police Selection, INC. (FPSI) recommends that those applicants scoring between 80-100 total score as “Outstanding”.
 1. If “Outstanding” is approved, 2 candidates will proceed to the background phase.
- Fire & Police Selection, INC. (FPSI) recommends that those applicants scoring between 60-79 total score as “Acceptable”.
 1. If “Acceptable” is approved, 14 candidates will proceed to the background phase.
- Fire & Police Selection, INC. (FPSI) recommends that those applicants scoring between 20-59 total score as “Unacceptable”.
 1. If “Unacceptable” is approved, 15 candidates will proceed to the background phase.
 2. If “unacceptable” is not approved 1 will be removed (based on “minimum standards” cut off) and 14 candidates will proceed to the background phase.

Comments of the Police Chief (if applicable)

Citizens’ Comments

Adjournment

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