

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Police Merit Commission
April 9, 2024
Public Assembly Room
Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Hendrickson

ALSO PRESENT: Amber Baldwin

STAFF PRESENT: Lieutenant Scott Evans

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

Commission President Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting on February 5, 2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Horth-Powers. By a roll call vote, the motion was carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Lt. Scott Evans presented a request to begin another hiring process starting April 10, 2024, to run approximately 4 months. There were 8 merit officers sworn in on April 1st from the previous hiring process with 2 on the list to be sworn in by Chief Bigsbee in May. Which will bring a total of 12 new hires from January 1, 2024. With no foreseeable retirees, this next hiring process will hopefully result in 1 new hire that will bring the department to a full staff of 65. Mrs. Gartin moved to deem a new hiring process be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Horth-Powers. By a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

Lt. Evans requested to be named as the Merit Commissions acting agent for 2024 Session-1 hiring process. Mr. Christianson moved to deem Lt Evans to be named as acting agent for 2024 Session-1 hiring process. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gartin. By roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm., by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Charles Wheeler, President

Amber Baldwin, Executive Assistant

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