

**CITY OF LAWRENCE**  
**Police Merit Commission**  
**August 26, 2024**  
**Public Assembly Room**  
**Special Meeting**

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Amber Baldwin

STAFF PRESENT: Lieutenant Scott Evans

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Chief Curtis Bigsbee

Commission President Wheeler called the meeting to order at 4:07pm and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes requires an edit. Revised minutes will be presented for approval at the next regular meeting October 21, 2024

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Lt. Evans requested that the applicants having the highest scores (in order) and are still of “good character” be given a conditional offer of employment. If said applicants pass an updated background investigation and pass all requirements of the INPRS 1977 Fund, those said applicants become Probationary Officers to fill 3 of 3 vacancies within the Department. Mrs. Gartin moved to deem the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Christensen. By voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

President Wheeler cancelled the scheduled September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting due to lack of quorum/agenda. The next regular meeting will be held on October 21, 2024.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm, 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.