

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
FROM MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Meeting calls to order by Chairman Lewis at 5:39pm.

The following were present: Commissioner Lewis, Commissioner Long, Attorney Jimmy Vasselli, Chief Barden, Chief Stried, Commissioner Friarson Karin Graves and Darlene Pickett.

Approval of special meeting minutes from August 10, 2021, was motioned by Commissioner Long and seconded by Chairman Lewis.

At 5:44 a motion was made by Chairman Long to have a close session to discuss lateral transfer, firefighter candidates and personnel; this motion was seconded by Charmain Lewis.

During the end of the closed session, a motion was made by Commissioner Long to end the close session @ 6:23pm and reopen the regular meeting session at 6:25pm; Charmain Lewis seconded this motion.

Lateral Entry Transfer Policy-Police Department

Chief of Police Eric Barden asked to discuss or approve the post lateral application process and/or use the current application to process to post for lateral positions. Chief suggested that Standard my want to modify the current application.

Attorney Jimmy Vasselli stated that we have an application for lateral applications, and it was challenged before and it's ready to go. Also, DLG Law Group will give samples and we will use that application, there will be a few tweaks but otherwise the application is pretty much ready to go.

Chief Barden request that the application must use the language of passing a power test because if and when the applicant(s) take the lateral exam and don't pass the exam, we will have two options: 1. Send the applicant to the academy or 2. The applicant passes the power test. These options will avoid cost and delay of hire.

Attorney Vasselli recommended a motion to accept recommendation from chief of police, Commissioner Long made the motion and Charmain Lewis seconded this motion.

Candidates-Firefighter

Chief of Fire Justin Stried asked to move forward regarding the hire of the next candidate on the eligibility list for hire.

Mr. Vasselli recommended a motion to allow hiring to set forth as discussed during closed session. Commissioner Long made this motion and Charmain Lewis seconded this motion.

Status updates for Entry Police Officer Exam

Recording Secretary Darlene Pickett provided a report that there are 41 police officer candidates of which 14 are missing information, 27 candidates ready to complete the online examination at 7:00am on September 23, 2021 and ending at 7:00am on September 24, 2021. Also, on September 16, 2021 there are 5 candidates that are expected to take the police lieutenant promotion exam.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm. This was motioned by Commissioner Long and seconded by Chairman Long.