

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS**

MEETING DATE: June 26, 2026

MEETING LOCATION: Highland Park City Hall
1707 St. Johns Ave, Highland Park, IL 60035

CALL TO ORDER

At **4:08 PM** Chair Witkowski called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Evan Witkowski
Commissioner Kris Byrnes
Members Absent: Commissioner Mayla Arceo Dicker
Staff Present: Human Resources Manager Nick Barnes
Fire Chief Joe Schrage
Others Present: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners – May 8, 2026

Chair Witkowski requested a motion to approve the open and closed session Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners for the date of May 8, 2026.

Commissioner Byrnes motioned to approve the minutes, Chair Witkowski seconded.

On a voice vote:

Voting Yea: Chair Witkowski, Commissioner Byrnes

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Arceo Dicker

Chair Witkowski declared that the motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Witkowski requested a motion that the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners close its meeting to the public pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c)) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Commissioner Byrnes motioned to move to closed session, Chair Witkowski seconded.

On a voice vote:

Voting Yea: Chair Witkowski, Commissioner Byrnes

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Arceo Dicker

At **4:10 PM** the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners recessed the public portion of the meeting to meet in closed session.

Chair Witkowski reconvened the open session of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners at **4:13 PM** and asked for a roll call.

Members Present: Chair Evan Witkowski

Commissioner Kris Byrnes

Members Absent: Commissioner Mayla Arceo Dicker

Staff Present: Human Resources Manager Nick Barnes

Fire Chief Joe Schrage

Others Present: None

CLOSED SESSION REVIEW

The Board reviewed post offer elements for a Firefighter / EMT I candidate.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

A. Determination of Post Offer Screening Elements for Firefighter / EMT I Candidate

The Board made a written determination, by consensus, on post-offer screening elements for Firefighter / EMT I candidate Anthony Samperi

OTHER BUSINESS

Secretary Barnes discussed options for a special meeting date in July.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no business from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Witkowski entertained a motion by Commissioner Byrnes to adjourn the meeting. Chair Witkowski seconded.

On a voice vote:

Voting Yea: Chair Witkowski, Commissioner Byrnes

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Arceo Dicker

The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners adjourned its meeting at **4:15 PM**.

Respectfully submitted,



Nick Barnes

Board Secretary

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- WITH NO CORRECTIONS _X_
- WITH CORRECTIONS _____
(SEE MINUTES OF _____ MEETING FOR CORRECTIONS)