

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

MEETING DATE: July 18, 2026

MEETING LOCATION: Highland Park Police Department
1677 Old Deerfield Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035

CALL TO ORDER

At **8:41 AM** Chair Witkowski called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Evan Witkowski
Commissioner Kris Byrnes
Commissioner Mayla Arceo Dicker

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Human Resources Manager Nick Barnes
Chief of Police Lou Jogmen

Others Present: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners – June 26, 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 June 26, 2026.

Commissioner Byrnes motioned to approve the minutes, Commissioner Arceo Dicker seconded.

On a voice vote:

Voting Yea: Chair Witkowski, Commissioner Byrnes, Commissioner Arceo Dicker

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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, Commissioner Arceo Dicker seconded.

On a voice vote:

Voting Yea: Chair Witkowski, Commissioner Byrnes, Commissioner Arceo Dicker

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

At **8:45 AM** 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 **12:30 PM** and asked for a roll call.

Members Present: Chair Evan Witkowski
Commissioner Kris Byrnes
Commissioner Mayla Arceo Dicker

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Human Resources Manager Nick Barnes
Chief of Police Lou Jogmen

Others Present: None

CLOSED SESSION REVIEW

The Board interviewed candidates for the position of Police Officer (Entry Level)

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

A. Establishment of Initial Eligibility List Police Officer (Entry Level)

The Board assigned a score for the Oral Interview and determinations for the Polygraph and initial background check, by consensus, via written determination for Police Officer (Entry Level) candidates.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no business from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

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

On a voice vote:

Voting Yea: Chair Witkowski, Commissioner Byrnes, Commissioner Arceo Dicker

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners adjourned its meeting at **12:35 PM**.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Barnes". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "N" and a cursive "B".

Nick Barnes

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Board Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS ON AUGUST 14, 2026

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