

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WHEELING BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 10, 2025 @ 1:00 PM
WHEELING VILLAGE HALL
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
2 COMMUNITY BOULEVARD, WHEELING, ILLINOIS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Palicki convened the meeting of the Wheeling Board of Fire and Police Commissioners at 1:00 PM.

Deputy Clerk Henneberry called the Roll:

Present: Chairperson Al Palicki, Commissioners Jon Kolssak, and Michael Murphy.

Fire Chief Scott Salela and Deputy Fire Chief Steve Mella were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Special Minutes of March 19, 2025

Motion by Chairperson Palicki, seconded by Commissioner Kolssak, to approve the minutes as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioners Kolssak, and Murphy

3. CITIZEN CONCERNS & COMMENTS - None

4. NEW BUSINESS - None

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Kolssak, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, to recess to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing:

- a) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.
- b) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s) of the Village of Wheeling. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). [FF Interviews]

Final Resolution: Motion approved; the open meeting recessed at 1:02 PM.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioners Kolssak, and Murphy.

[Reconvene from Executive Session]

Motion by Commissioner Kolssak, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried by roll call vote, all ayes; the open meeting reconvened at 3:26 PM.

HR Administrator Vicky Kalogris joined the meeting.

6. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Motion by Chairperson Palicki, seconded by Commissioner Kolssak, to approve the executive session minutes of March 19, 2025, as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion approved

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioners Kolssak, and Murphy.

INTERVIEW & CANDIDATE FINDINGS

Motion by Chairperson Palicki, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, to proceed as follows:

1. Strike from consideration Clayton Chapman, Adrian Lisowski, Matthew Jordan, Anthony Lynch, Casey Jones, Ethan Freedman, Nathanael Pawletki, Miguel Alcazar, Tyler Vittal, Ryan Prevo, Nicholas Fitzgerald, Jeffrey Pabich, Brian Novak, and Kevin Jacks, as they have withdrawn from consideration.
2. Extend a conditional offer of employment to Thomas McInerney.
3. Retain Antonio Gonzalez, Bretton Schnoor, and Gabriel Jimenez.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioners Kolssak, and Murphy.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Salela stated that he would like to remove the application fee requirement from the BOFPC bylaws; the commissioners agreed. Chairperson Palicki expressed interest in purchasing a memorial brick in honor of Commander James Borchardt; commission discussion followed. It was suggested that the BOFPC could be granted a \$500 line item in the budget for buying memorial bricks and refreshments for meetings. Commissioner Kolssak requested composite pictures of Police and Fire personnel with their names and titles to better recognize them if seen in public. Mr. Kolssak also asked that the commission be kept informed of employment additions or changes related to Police and Fire personnel. It was decided that the regular meeting scheduled for July 16 will need to be held to amend the bylaws and conduct interviews for new Police Officers.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Kolssak, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion was carried by voice vote, with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM.

Jon Kolssak, Secretary
Wheeling Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

Approved July 16, 2025