

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**OF THE WHEELING BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**JANUARY 13, 2026 @ 10:30 AM**  
**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 10:33 AM.

Deputy Clerk Henneberry called the Roll:

Present: Chairperson Al Palicki, Commissioner Jon Kolssak

Absent: Dave Schlaak

Commissioner Schlaak was absent with prior notice.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Fire Chief Scott Salela, Deputy Fire Chief Steve Mella, Interim Police Chief William Murphy, and HR Director/Assistant Village Manager Marisol Leyva were also present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a) Special minutes of December 10, 2025**

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

Final Resolution: Motion approved.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak

Absent: Commissioner Schlaak

**b) Special Minutes of December 11, 2025**

Commissioner Kolssak made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Chairperson Palicki.

Final Resolution: Motion approved.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak

Absent: Commissioner Schlaak

**3. CITIZEN CONCERNS & COMMENTS - None**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Certification of Police Sergeant Eligibility List effective January 17, 2026, to and including January 16, 2029**

Motion by Chairperson Palicki, seconded by Commissioner Kolssak, to approve the list.

Final Resolution: Motion approved.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak

Absent: Commissioner Schlaak

Interim Police Chief Murphy left the meeting.

## 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a) Review of Executive Session Minutes of December 10 and 11, 2025 (vote to approve will be taken in open session)
- 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 10:35 AM.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak

Absent: Commissioner Schlaak

### [Reconvene from Executive Session]

Motion by Chairperson Palicki, seconded by Commissioner Kolssak, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried by roll call vote, two ayes, one absent; the open meeting was reconvened at 3:25 PM.

## 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 December 10, 2025, as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion approved.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak

Absent: Commissioner Schlaak

Motion by Chairperson Palicki, seconded by Commissioner Kolssak, to approve the executive session minutes of December 11, 2025, as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion approved.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak

Absent: Commissioner Schlaak

Motion by Chairperson Palicki, seconded by Commissioner Kolssak, to strike the following names from the Firefighter Eligibility Roster: Kent Lee, Matt Fortune, Elliot Kreuz, and Anthony Zitto, as they have withdrawn or failed to respond to our correspondence regarding next steps in the hiring process.

Final Resolution: Motion approved.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak

Absent: Commissioner Schlaak

### ADDITIONAL ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Chairperson Palicki, seconded by Commissioner Kolssak, to extend a conditional offer to Max Wojciechowski, Bryce Carlson, John Mock, Logan Norton, Thomas Senft, and Nate Kraemer, and to retain Cody Pazik and Joe Rattin on the list.

Final Resolution: Motion approved.  
Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak  
Absent: Commissioner Schlaak

**OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS-NONE**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Chairperson Palicki, seconded by Commissioner Kolssak. The motion was carried by voice vote, two ayes, one absent. The meeting adjourned at 3:27 PM.

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Jon Kolssak, Secretary  
Wheeling Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

Approved February 19, 2026