

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WHEELING BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 26, 2026 @ 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 1:01 PM.

Deputy Clerk Henneberry called the Roll:

Present: Chairperson Al Palicki and Commissioner Jon Kolssak, Commissioner Dave Schlaak

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Police Chief Joseph Kopecky, Police Commander Troy Musolf, Director/Assistant Village Manager Marisol Leyva, and HR Administrator Alyssa Arseson were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Special minutes of February 19, 2026

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

Final Resolution: Motion approved.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak, Commissioner Schlaak

3. CITIZEN CONCERNS & COMMENTS - None

4. NEW BUSINESS-None

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a) Review of Executive Session Minutes of February 19, 2026 (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). [PD Interviews]

Final Resolution: Motion approved; the open meeting recessed at 1:03 PM.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak, 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, all ayes; the open meeting was reconvened at 2:46 PM.

6. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Schlaak, seconded by Commissioner Kolssak, to approve the executive session minutes of February 19, 2026, as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion approved.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak, Commissioner Schlaak

ADDITIONAL ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Chairperson Palicki, seconded by Commissioner Kolssak, to strike Anthony Figueroa and Diego Gomez from the Police Eligibility Pool based on findings during the vetting process.

Final Resolution: Motion approved.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak, Commissioner Schlaak

Motion by Chairperson Palicki, seconded by Commissioner Schlaak, to extend a conditional offer of employment to Jacob Pond, Hector Gonzalez, and Tyler Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion approved.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak, Commissioner Schlaak

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS-NONE

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Kolssak, seconded by Chairperson Schlaak. The motion was carried by voice vote, all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM.

Approved April 29, 2026

Jon Kolssak, Secretary
Wheeling Board of Fire and Police Commissioners