

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WHEELING BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 1, 2026 @ 3:00 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 3:01 PM.

Deputy Clerk Henneberry called the Roll:

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Fire Chief Scott Salela, Police Chief Joseph Kopecky, Village Attorney James Ferolo, HR Administrator Alyssa Arneson, and HR Director/Assistant Village Manager Marisol Leyva.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Special minutes of April 29, 2026

Motion by Commissioner Kolssak, seconded by Commissioner Schlaak, 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

- a) DISCUSSION: BOFPC Rules Revisions

Assistant Village Manager/HR Director Leyva provided a detailed summary of the revisions and updates to the current Rules. AVM/Director Leyva and Village Attorney James Ferolo answered the Board's questions. The Board then held a discussion. Motion by Chairperson Palicki, seconded by Commissioner Kolssak, to approve the amendments as presented and discussed.

Final Resolution: Motion approved.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak, Commissioner Schlaak

- b) Police Department Pool and Firefighter Eligibility Roster Updates

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

Strike the following candidates from the Police Department Pool as they have withdrawn, failed to respond to our correspondence about next steps in the hiring process, or for findings from the vetting process:

Brandon Alfaro, Sohail Ali, Jayson Ariezaga, Dylan Banda, Matthew Bowens, Keahnan Champion, David Dominguez, Joshua Figus, Xavier Goins, Jonathan Jordan, Alton Marshall, Payton Neuman, Jared Olvera, Jacob Pond, Namor Ruiz, Joseph Stedman, Lamont Stinson, Bruno Velazquez Gonzalez, Jared Vidal Gonzalez, Christian Villa, Maximilian Waz, Kevin Wheeler, and Dominic Wistocki.

Final Resolution: Motion approved.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak, Commissioner Schlaak

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

Strike the following candidates from the Firefighter Eligibility Roster as they have withdrawn, failed to respond to our correspondence about next steps in the hiring process, or for findings from the vetting process:

Joshua Ramirez, Adam Canedy, Jad El-Bawab, Osmundus Balciunaitis, Enrique Barajas, Jack Moran, and Vidal Ortega.

Final Resolution: Motion approved.

Ayes: Chairperson Palicki, Commissioner Kolssak, Commissioner Schlaak

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

6. ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Palicki shared information from the Illinois Board of Fire and Police Commission seminar he recently attended. Chief Salela stated that they had to terminate a new hire because the individual did not pass paramedic school, and that Brian Zirzow is retiring on Friday, June 5.

In response to a question from Commissioner Kolssak, Attorney Feroles outlined the procedure for filling a commissioner vacancy.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Chairperson Palicki, seconded by Commissioner Schlaak. The motion was carried by voice vote, all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM.

Approved July 8, 2026

Jon Kolssak, Secretary

Wheeling Board of Fire and Police Commissioners