The Board of Fire and Police Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE – Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the City Hall Caucus Room, Room #123, 730 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301. Chairman Kelty called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE-

- PRESENT IN PERSON: Commissioner Curt Kelty (Chair), Commissioner Mike McLaughlin, Commissioner Angela Caldwell, Legal Counsel Ryan Schnack, and Commission Secretary Jennifer Kerker. The meeting was recorded. Deputy Chief Mike Tyler joined the meeting at 9:43 a.m.
- MEDIA PRESENT: Michele McCormack, Muddy River News.
- ALDERMEN/OTHER PRESENT:
- PUBLIC: Patrick Hollensteiner, Kelby Rescinito, Mark Philpot, and Reverand Carl Terry.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Patrick Hollensteiner from the PB&PB Union provided input regarding the sergeant promotional list.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The Commissioners reviewed the April 14, 2026, regular session minutes and the April 29, 2026 special meeting minutes. Kelty moved to approve. Second Caldwell. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Kelty motioned to approve the April 14, 2026 executive session minutes. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.
- Kelty motioned to approve April 29, 2026 executive session minutes. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.
- Kelty motioned to begin background checks on the two police department lateral candidates. Second Caldwell. Motion carried.
- Kelty motioned to proceed with a polygraph and subsequent testing (as long as the applicant passes these tests) and hire a QFD applicant whose background was approved. Second Caldwell. Motion carried.
- Kelty motioned to proceed with the background check and subsequent testing (as long as the applicant passes these tests) and hire a QFD applicant. Second Caldwell. Motion carried.
- Kelty motioned to proceed with the background check and subsequent testing (as long as the applicant passes these tests) and hire another QFD applicant. Second Caldwell. Motion carried.
- Kelty motioned to approve the Rules and Regulations Review as modified. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.
- Kelty motioned to schedule police recruit testing for October 17, 2026. Second Caldwell. Motion carried.
- Kelty motioned to proceed with background checks and the hiring process for the two most recent lateral candidates. Second Caldwell. Motion carried.

Kelty moved to suspend and enter into Police and Fire executive session at 10:14 a.m. regarding personnel matters pursuant to the Open Meetings Act of 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). McLaughlin seconded. Motion carried.

Kelty moved to end executive session at 10:35 a.m. pursuant to the Open Meetings Act of 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). McLaughlin seconded. Motion carried.

Kelty moved to resume the regular session meeting at 10:38 a.m. Attendees were Chairman Kelty, Commissioners McLaughlin and Caldwell, Legal Counsel Ryan Schnack, Secretary Jennifer Kerker, Mr. Philpott, Rev. Carl Terry, and Michele McCormick.

Quincy Police Department (QPD) Police Chief Adam Yates joined the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

- Chief Yates provided an update on his monthly report.
- Chief Yates advised the police department's current staffing is 72. All are certified as solo patrol excluding Kurfman and Farha.
- Chief Yates advised there are two sworn employees on light duty.
- Chief Yates and Deputy Chief Tyler advised that Saturday, October 17th is a good police testing date.

- Chief Yates requested that the commission approve to start backgrounds for the two lateral candidates.
- Chief Yates requested that the commission approve police testing for Saturday, October 17th.

Chief Yates departed the meeting at 9:56 am. Patrick Hollensteiner and Kelby Rescinito departed the meeting at 9:56 am.

Quincy Fire Department (QFD) Fire Chief Steve Salrin joined the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

- Chief Salrin provided an update on his monthly report.
- Chief Salrin provided employee statuses.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review candidate status report.
- Review budget.
- Reviewed prioritized action worksheet. Hiring an interim police chief while going through hiring a police chief was discussed.
    - **For the permanent Chief**: The job description will need to go to the IL Association of Chiefs of Police and the Candidate Questionnaire are the next step, in that order, per Chairman Kelty.
    - **For the interim Chief:** Chairman Kelty will be contacting the IL Association of Chiefs of Police and have them post the opening for their linebacker program.
    - **Firefighter Recruit Testing:** Chief Salrin asked if interviews could be squeezed in and scores tabulated by November 1st so the candidate list can be approved by the board. Chief Salrin advised having the written testing in September, perhaps the 12th, which would give the commission more of a buffer. When scores are tabulated was also discussed.
    - **Fire Promotional & Police Promotional Testing was also discussed.** Using a different vendor was discussed as well as the current dates listed on the prioritized action worksheet.
    - **Records Retention:** The date can be modified until August of 2026 per Secretary Jennifer Kerker.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resignation of Angela Caldwell from Board of Fire and Police Commission effective August 12th, 2026. This is due to her starting a new full time position.

Kelty made a motion to adjourn at 10:58 a.m. Second Caldwell. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Kerker, Secretary
Board of Fire & Police Commission
Audio dated 05-12-2026