The Board of Fire and Police Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE –Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the City Hall council chambers (due to the amount of attendees at the meeting) instead of the caucus room, 730 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301. Chairman Kelty called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

ATTENDANCE-

- PRESENT IN PERSON: Commissioner Curt Kelty (Chair), Commissioner Mike McLaughlin, Commissioner Rachel Doerhoff, Legal Counsel Ryan Schnack, and Commission Secretary Jennifer Kerker. The meeting was recorded by the IT Department.
- MEDIA PRESENT: No.
- ALDERMEN/OTHER PRESENT: Yes.
- PUBLIC: Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following individuals spoke at the meeting:

- Mark Phillpott, chairman of the Human Rights Commission spoke, commending the BFPC and the police department and the importance of choosing a police chief.
- Rev. Carl Terry spoke, commending the police department on their recent actions on a call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The Commission reviewed the August 10th, 2026 regular session minutes. Kelty moved to approve the regular minutes. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.
- The Commission reviewed the August 10, 2026 police department and fire department executive meeting minutes. Kelty motioned to approve these minutes. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Commissioner Doerhoff was approved by the mayor to attend an upcoming commissioner training.
- There were no invoices to approve or correspondence received.

Kelty moved to suspend and enter into QPD executive session at 9:52 a.m. regarding personnel matters pursuant to the Open Meetings Act of 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). McLaughlin seconded. Motion carried. Executive session was held in the caucus room.

Kelty moved to resume the regular session at 10:49 a.m. in the city hall council chambers. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.

Quincy Police Department (QPD) Police Chief Interim Mike Tyler

- Interim Chief Tyler provided an update on his monthly report.
- Interim Chief Tyler advised that Investigations Sergeant Gibson is going back to patrol and Sergeant Eddy was selected as Sergeant of Investigations.
- Interim Chief Tyler explained what the grill squad is (grilling hot dogs, serving chips, and soda to children to have a good relationship with children) as well as the blue envelope program (put on by the secretary of state for individuals who have disabilities such as autism and may be fearful of police officers and if they are stopped there is a blue envelope they can put in their glove box with their driver's license/insurance/registration and there is a check box they can answer questions on. This allows police officers to understand what their cognitive disability is.
- **Staffing**: Interim Chief Tyler advised that the police department is currently at full staffing. After Chief Yates' retirement, the police department will be down,but will probably need to wait on the current police search. Interim Chief Tyler advised there may be one potential retirement this year. There is also one recent lateral candidate submitted over the weekend that Sergeant Hollensteiner confirmed this candidate meets the requirements to be a lateral candidate.
- **Backgrounds:** Interim Chief Tyler provided an update on backgrounds, that they are through #9 on the list. There is one lateral that the background has not been completed and that it may take some time due to the detectives' multi-jurisdiction case.

- **Upcoming Police Recruit Testing October 17th**: Interim Chief Tyler advised Sergeant Hollensteiner who is in charge of recruitment reached out those who are interested and employees going to the colleges, as well (mainly Quincy University) to talk to them about testing. In addition, doing a media blitz was discussed.

Quincy Fire Department (QFD) Fire Chief Steve Salrin

- Chief Salrin provided an update on his monthly report.
- Chief Salrin advised that there are not currently any backgrounds being worked on.
- Chief Salrin advised that the new firefighter (Oitker) is scheduled to start on September 14, 2026.
- Chief Salrin advised that the fire department will be down one employee when Deputy Chief Dade leaves.
- The upcoming firefighter testing was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review of prioritized action worksheet was discussed.
- Status of selection of new police chief: The upcoming steps were discussed. There was some confusion regarding the upcoming steps; therefore Chairman Kelty advised that he would contact ___ to get more detailed information.
- QPD Sergeant List: Doerhoff made a motion to table this until the next meeting in October. Second McLaughlin.
- Promotional Testing for police and fire department: Commissioner Doerhoff provided the BFPC with a quote she received from COPS & FIRE. In addition, she was asked to acquire two additional quotes from other vendors.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chairman Kelty made a motion to promote QFD Lieutenant Nate Pool to the rank of Deputy Chief of Administration. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.
- Chairman Kelty made a motion to promote Firefighter Steven Peters to the rank of Lieutenant. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.
- Chairman Kelty advised that the October BFPC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20th at 9:30 a.m.

Kelty made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Kerker, Secretary
Board of Fire & Police Commission
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