

The Board of Fire and Police Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE – Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 9:03 am in City Hall, Conference Room 209, 730 Maine St, Quincy, IL 62301.

ATTENDANCE-

- **PRESENT IN PERSON:** Commissioner Barry Cheyne (Chair), Commissioner Mike McLaughlin, and Commissioner Angela Caldwell, and Commission Secretary Kerker. Legal Counsel Ryan Schnack joined the meeting at 9:28 am. The meeting was recorded.
- **MEDIA PRESENT:** None
- **ALDERMEN PRESENT:** None
- **PUBLIC:** None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The Commissioners reviewed the June 3, 2025, regular session minutes. Cheyne moved to approve. Caldwell 2nd. Motion carried.
- The Commissioners reviewed the June 3, 2025, executive session meeting minutes. Cheyne moved to approve. McLaughlin 2nd. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Cheyne motioned to approve payment to All Purpose Polygraph \$350. for two polygraph checks. Second Caldwell. Motion carried.
- Cheyne motioned to proceed with having backgrounds started on QFD candidates Devin Austin and Benet Duesterhaus. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.
- Cheyne motioned to promote Paul Mason to Lieutenant effective June 28th 2025. McLaughlin Second. Motion carried.
- Cheyne motioned to remove firefighter applicant Keaton Hull from the candidate list. McLaughlin Second. Motion carried.

Cheyne moved to suspend and enter into Police and Fire executive session at 10:02 am. regarding personnel matters pursuant to the Open Meetings Act of 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). McLaughlin seconded. Motion carried.

Cheyne moved to end executive session and resumed regular session at 10:18 am. pursuant to the Open Meetings Act of 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Caldwell seconded. Motion carried.

Quincy Fire Department (QFD) Fire Chief Steve Salrin joined the meeting at 9:10 am.

- Chief Salrin provided an update on his monthly report.
- Chief Salrin advised the next firefighter academy start date is September 9th.
- Chief Salrin advised the swearing in of the two new recruits is July 21st.
- Chief Salrin advised on May 1, 2026, there will be a retirement. He would like the replacement of this retirement to start in the Spring academy if possible.
- Chief Salrin provided input on the draft ordinance review.
- Chief Salrin departed the meeting at 10:14 am.

Quincy Police Department (QPD) Police Chief Adam Yates joined the meeting at 10:30 am.

- Chief Yates provided an update on his monthly report.
- Chief Yates reiterated that August 16th will be the police testing at Flynn Stadium (POWER Test demo) at 9am and then the QRTF is reserved as well for written testing at 1pm.
- Chief Yates provided input on the draft ordinance review.
- Chief Yates departed the meeting at 11:53 am.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Commission Structure Update – Commission Chairman Cheyne advised that he spoke with the mayor about the commissioner's intention to keep the structure as is, as it is working very well. The mayor was in agreement and thanked the Commission for its review. This topic is now closed.
- Records Management Plan – Secretary Kerker provided Commissioner Cheyne with the Records Disposal form which he signed. This will now go to the IL State Archive for their review. All 3 commissioners approved this document in prior meetings.
- Recruiting and Pipeline Management – Commissioner Caldwell said that she and Sergeant Hollensteiner are paying phone tag, that she will reach out to her again. We have ten days remaining for the police applicant list closes.
- Ordinance Update Plan – This was discussed in length. Secretary Kerker will start working on the input received and make the modifications. This will continue to be in draft form until approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Cheyne relayed that Chief Yates will be up for reappointment in December 2025. He will be sending information out to the Mayor and the Police Aldermanic Committee seeking input.

Cheyne made a motion to conclude the Board of Fire and Police Commission meeting at 12:05 pm. Second McLaughlin. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Kerker, Secretary
Board of Fire & Police Commission
Audio dated 07.08.25