

Police and Fire Commission MEETING MINUTES



April 21, 2026 - 1:00 PM
Public Safety Building
16300 W. National Avenue

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Piontek called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM

2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: Commissioner Lanser, Commissioner Palechek, Commissioner Piontek, Commissioner Buer, Commissioner O'Donnell

Staff present: Fire Chief Mark Polzin

Staff excused: Police Chief Jeff Hingiss

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Palechek
Second by: Commissioner Buer
Motion Passed 4-0 (Commissioner Lanser Abstained)

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. BILLS

A. Action will be taken on invoices that were received during the normal course and scope of business since the last PFC meeting.

Froedtert Health, Inc. Workforce Health Invoice No. 00023373-00 dated March 31, 2026, in the amount of \$1,912.00 (PO 26523120) for new employee physicals - Fire Department

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner O'Donnell
Second by: Commissioner Piontek
Motion Passed 5-0

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Motion to Enter Closed Session at 1:06 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Palechek
Second by: Commissioner Lanser
Motion Passed 5-0

Note: Commissioner Lanser was excused from the meeting at 2:06 PM

- A.** The Police & Fire Commission may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically regarding:

- B.** Consideration of Fire Chief's recommendation to remove personnel from probationary status - Fire Department

- C.** Interview applicant for the position of Battalion Chief - Fire Department

- D.** Interview candidate for promotion to the position of Lieutenant - Fire Department

E. Interview applicants for the position of Firefighter/EMS Personnel - Fire Department

9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Motion to Return to open session at 2:32 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Palechek
Second by: Commissioner Buer
Motion Passed 4-0

A. Discussion and possible action regarding Chief Polzin's recommendation to remove personnel from probationary status - Fire Department

Motion to ratify the recommendation of Chief Polzin to end the probationary period for Battalion Chief Ross Gscheidmeier and make his appointment permanent, effective April 14, 2026.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner O'Donnell
Second by: Commissioner Piontek
Motion Passed 4-0

Motion to ratify the recommendation of Chief Polzin to end the probationary period for Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan David and make his appointment permanent, effective immediately.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Piontek
Second by: Commissioner Palechek
Motion Passed 4-0

B. Discussion and possible action regarding establishing an eligibility list for the position of Battalion Chief - Fire Department

Motion to establish an eligibility list for the position of Battalion Chief with the following name: James H. Ziech. The list is valid for a period of one (1) year. All newly hired personnel are subject to a probationary period as specified in the prevailing Rules & Regulations of the City of New Berlin Police and Fire Commission.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Palechek
Second by: Commissioner Piontek
Motion Passed 4-0

- C. Discussion and possible action regarding Chief Polzin's recommendation to promote Firefighter/EMS Personnel to the position of Lieutenant - Fire Department

Deferred - No action taken

- D. Discussion and possible action regarding establishing an eligibility list for the position of Firefighter/EMS Personnel - Fire Department

Motion to establish an eligibility list for the position of Firefighter/EMS Personnel with the following names: Kaylin L. Bergum, Joseph R. Fogeltanz, and Michael F. Kooi. The list is valid for a period of one (1) year. All newly hired personnel are subject to a probationary period as described in the prevailing Rules & Regulations of the City of New Berlin Police and Fire Commission.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Palechek
Second by: Commissioner Piontek
Motion Passed 4-0

10. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 2:46 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Buer
Second by: Commissioner Palechek
Motion Passed 4-0

***Respectfully Submitted,
Michael D. O'Donnell
PFC Recording Secretary***