



Police and Fire Commission MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2026 - 1:00 PM
Public Safety Building
16300 W. National Avenue

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Piontek called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Staff Present: Fire Chief Mark Polzin and Police Chief Jeff Hingiss

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

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

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Motion to Enter Closed Session at 1:02 PM

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

- 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 Police Chief's recommendation to remove personnel from probationary status - Police Department
- C.** Consideration of Fire Chief's recommendation to remove personnel from probationary status - Fire Department
- D.** Personnel Update - Fire Department

9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Motion to Return to open session at 1:47 PM

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

- A.** Discussion and possible action regarding Chief Hingiss' recommendation to remove personnel from probationary status - Police Department

Motion to ratify the recommendation of Chief Hingiss to end the probationary period for Officer Junior Rittenhouse and make his appointment permanent, effective September 3, 2026.

MOTION: Motion to Approve

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

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

No action taken.

- C.** Discussion and possible action regarding personnel update - Fire Department

No action taken.

10. ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 1:49 PM

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner O'Donnell

Second by: Commissioner Piontek
Motion Passed 4-0

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