

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, June 9, 2025

5:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

Commission Members

Chairman Quinn Adamowski

John Stefanski

Tomas Ponce

Natalie Coleman

Herb Lande

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ROLL CALL

Present Quinn Adamowski and Tomas Ponce
Absent Natalie Coleman and Herb Lande

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Corporation Counsel Todd Lenzie, Interim Deputy Corporation Counsel Stephanie, Fire Chief Jeff Carey, Police Chief Bill Evans, Deputy Fire Chief John Stachelski, Deputy Police Chief Sherrie Blackburn, Emergency Management Coordinator John Lukancic.

PRESENTATION

Preference Points for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Members by John Lukancic, Emergency Management Coordinator [TMP-8676](#)

John Lukancic, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave a brief presentation explaining the Joliet Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and potential for CERT members to earn one preference point for the Police and Fire new hire eligibility lists.

Interim Corporation Counsel briefly discussed adding language to the Board of Fire and Police Rules and Regulations for the proposed preference points.

Commissioner Stefanski briefly discussed applicants applying for police officer and firefighter positions are subject to a background check.

Chairman Adamowski thanked Mr. Lukancic for the presentation and requested Interim Corporation Counsel put together the proposed preference points structure for consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes: [TMP-8659](#)

BOFPC Special Meeting - February 24, 2025
BOFPC Meeting - March 10, 2025
BOFPC Special Meeting - March 11, 2025

Attachments: [BOFPC 02-24-2025 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
[BOFPC 03-10-2025 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
[BOFPC 03-11-2025 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by John Stefanski, seconded by Tomas Ponce, to approve the Board of Fire and Police Commissioner meeting minutes for the Special Meeting held on February 24, 2025, Regular Meeting held on March 10, 2025, and the Special Meeting held on March 11, 2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary/Commissioner John Stefanski read the Secretary's Report into record: #4 Nathaniel Ruiz was removed for a failed power test, #8 Daniel Kent was removed for no power card, #12 Aliva Medina pending age requirement, #13 Jaron Kemp was removed for no power card, #17 Christopher Wright was removed for no power card, #19 Jose Garcia was removed for no power card, #20 Wilma Soto was removed for no power card, #31 Daisy Hernandez was removed for no power card, #37 Domenic Navarro was removed for no power card, #41 Elva Estrada was removed for no power card, #50 Gustavo Gonzalez-Galvez was removed for no power card, #51 Veronica Ines was removed for no power card, #54 Orlando Rivas, Jr. was removed for no power card, #61 Monica Herrera was removed for no power card, #68 Charles Williams was removed for no power card, #74 Nicole Miranda was removed for no power card, #80 Daniel Kelly withdrew, #82 Anthony Barnes was removed for no power card, #83 Jonathan Martinez was removed for no power card, #91 Gia Gercone was removed for no power card.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

Joliet Fire Department Promotions:

[TMP-8656](#)

LIEUTENANTS:

Mark Blackburn - Apparatus Operator Paramedic to Lieutenant

Matt Fleck - Apparatus Operator Paramedic to Lieutenant

Mark Boros - Apparatus Operator Paramedic to Lieutenant

Justin Farrar - Firefighter Paramedic to Lieutenant

Matt Christensen - Apparatus Operator Paramedic to Lieutenant

Jimmie Yates - Firefighter Paramedic to Lieutenant

Ryan Brenczewski - Apparatus Operator Paramedic to Lieutenant

CAPTAINS:

Jeff Chignoli - Lieutenant to Captain

Demmond Dorris - Lieutenant to Captain

Jeremy Hoffman - Lieutenant to Captain
Matt Bozicevich - Lieutenant to Captain
Aaron Aguirre - Lieutenant to Captain

BATTALION CHIEFS:

Matt Ehram - Captain to Battalion Chief
Nick Carbaugh - Captain to Battalion Chief
Mike Stapp - Captain to Battalion Chief

Fire Chief Jeff Carey informed the Commissioners he reviewed Captain Ehram's personnel file and found no reason he should not be promoted to Battalion Chief.

A motion was made by Tomas Ponce, seconded by John Stefanski, to approve the promotion of Matt Ehram from Captain to Battalion Chief.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Chief Carey informed the Commissioners he reviewed Captain Carbaugh's personnel file and found no reason he should not be promoted to Battalion Chief.

A motion was made by Quinn Adamowski, seconded by Tomas Ponce, to approve the promotion of Nick Carbaugh from Captain to Battalion Chief.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Chief Carey informed the Commissioners he reviewed Captain Stapp's personnel file and found no reason he should not be promoted to Battalion Chief.

A motion was made by John Stefanski, seconded by Tomas Ponce, to approve the promotion of Mike Stapp from Captain to Battalion Chief.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Chief Carey informed the Commissioners he reviewed Lieutenant Chignoli's personnel file and found no reason he should not be promoted to Captain.

A motion was made by Tomas Ponce, seconded by John Stefanski, to approve the promotion of Jeff Chignoli from Lieutenant to Captain.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Chief Carey informed the Commissioners he reviewed Lieutenant Dorris' personnel file and found no reason he should not be promoted to Captain.

A motion was made by John Stefanski, seconded by Tomas Ponce, to approve the promotion of Demmond Dorris from Lieutenant to Captain.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Chief Carey informed the Commissioners he reviewed Lieutenant Hoffman's personnel file and found no reason he should not be promoted to Captain.

A motion was made by Tomas Ponce, seconded by John Stefanski, to approve the promotion of Jeremy Hoffman from Lieutenant to Captain.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Chief Carey informed the Commissioners he reviewed Lieutenant Bozicevich's personnel file and found no reason he should not be promoted to Captain.

A motion was made by John Stefanski, seconded by Tomas Ponce, to approve the promotion of Matt Bozicevich from Lieutenant to Captain.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Chief Carey informed the Commissioners he reviewed Lieutenant Aguirre's personnel file and found no reason he should not be promoted to Captain.

A motion was made by Tomas Ponce, seconded by John Stefanski, to approve

the promotion of Aaron Aguirre from Lieutenant to Captain.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Chief Carey informed the Commissioners he reviewed Apparatus Operator Blackburn's personnel file and found no reason he should not be promoted to Lieutenant.

A motion was made by John Stefanski, seconded by Tomas Ponce, to approve the promotion of Mark Blackburn from Apparatus Operator to Lieutenant.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Chief Carey informed the Commissioners he reviewed Apparatus Operator Fleck's personnel file and found no reason he should not be promoted to Lieutenant.

A motion was made by John Stefanski, seconded by Tomas Ponce, to approve the promotion of Matt Fleck from Apparatus Operator to Lieutenant.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Chief Carey informed the Commissioners he reviewed Apparatus Operator Boros' personnel file and found no reason he should not be promoted to Lieutenant.

A motion was made by Tomas Ponce, seconded by John Stefanski, to approve the promotion of Mark Boros from Apparatus Operator to Lieutenant.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Chief Carey informed the Commissioners he reviewed Firefighter Farrar's personnel file and found no reason he should not be promoted to Lieutenant.

A motion was made by John Stefanski, seconded by Tomas Ponce, to approve the promotion of Justin Farrar from Firefighter to Lieutenant.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Chief Carey informed the Commissioners he reviewed Apparatus Operator Christensen's personnel file and found no reason he should not be promoted to Lieutenant.

A motion was made by Tomas Ponce, seconded by John Stefanski, to approve the promotion of Matt Christensen from Apparatus Operator to Lieutenant.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Chief Carey informed the Commissioners he reviewed Firefighter Yates's personnel file and found no reason he should not be promoted to Lieutenant.

A motion was made by John Stefanski, seconded by Tomas Ponce, to approve the promotion of Jimmie Yates from Firefighter to Lieutenant.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Chief Carey informed the Commissioners he reviewed Apparatus Operator Brenzewski's personnel file and found no reason he should not be promoted to Lieutenant.

A motion was made by Tomas Ponce, seconded by John Stefanski, to approve the promotion of Ryan Brenzewski from Apparatus Operator to Lieutenant.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Joliet Police Department Promotions:

[TMP-8657](#)

SERGEANTS:

Sherman Reiter - Master Police Officer to Sergeant

David Szymanski - Master Police Officer to Sergeant

Police Chief Bill Evans reviewed the work history of Master Police Officer Szymanski and found no reason he should not be promoted to Sergeant.

A motion was made by John Stefanski, seconded by Tomas Ponce, to approve the promotion of David Szymanski from Master Police Officer to Sergeant.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Chief Evans reviewed the work history of Master Police Officer Reiter and found no reason he should not be promoted to Sergeant.

A motion was made by John Stefanski, seconded by Tomas Ponce, to approve the promotion of Sherman Reiter from Master Police Officer to Sergeant.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

Joliet Police Department New Hire Eligibility List

[TMP-8658](#)

Chief Evans requested the Commissioners certify the Police Department New Hire Eligibility list.

A motion was made by John Stefanski, seconded by Tomas Ponce, to approve MEMO #TMP-8658: Joliet Police Department New Hire Eligibility List.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande

NEW OR OLD BUSINESS, NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Sanchez spoke favorably of Patrol Officer Alfonso Sanchez's character.

Ronald Green spoke favorably of Patrol Officer Alfonso Sanchez's character.

Jalen Green spoke favorably of Patrol Officer Alfonso Sanchez's character.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Stefanski, seconded by Tomas Ponce, to adjourn.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski and Ponce

Absent: Coleman and Lande