

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

2:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

Commission Members

Chairman Quinn Adamowski

Natalie Coleman

Tomas Ponce

John Stefanski

Pat Strocchia

SPECIAL MEETING

Citizens who are unable to attend the meeting can email comments in advance of the meeting to publiccomment@joliet.gov.

ROLL CALL

Present Quinn Adamowski, John Stefanski, Tomas Ponce, Natalie Coleman and Pat Strocchia

ALSO PRESENT: Gina LoGalbo, Deputy Director Human Resources, Police Deputy Chief Blackburn, Fire Deputy Chief Matt Baxter, Fire Deputy Chief John Stachelski

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

Eric Mattson, President Fire Officers Association Local 2369, addressed the Commissioners concerning rules relating to Veteran's Preference Points.

AGENDA ITEM

Joliet Police Department Promotion:

[TMP-10034](#)

SERGEANT:

James Durham - Master Patrol Officer to Sergeant

Deputy Chief Sherrie Blackburn informed the Commissioners a review of James Durham work history was completed and they found no reason he should not be promoted to Sergeant.

A motion was made by Tomas Ponce, seconded by John Stefanski, to approve Joliet Police Department Promotion of James Durham from Master Patrol Officer to Sergeant.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski, Ponce, Coleman and Strocchia

NEW OR OLD BUSINESS, NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION

Discussion Regarding Promotional Preference Points

[TMP-10035](#)

Kelly Coyle, Attorney, gave a brief overview of the purpose for the discussion concerning promotional preference points.

Gina LoGalbo, Deputy Director Human Resources, read a statement to the Commissioners requesting the Boards formal guidance regarding the criteria that should be used to determine and award military preference points. She discussed the need for a standardized and clearly documented method for assessing military service and applying preference points. In addition, she discussed options for the Boards consideration.

Kelly Coyle summarized the City's current rules, Illinois State Statute, and case law regarding promotion preference points.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the assessment and application of

preference points.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Pat Strocchia, seconded by Tomas Ponce, to adjourn.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Adamowski, Stefanski, Ponce, Coleman and Strocchia