



Wauwatosa, WI

Police and Fire Commission

Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

4:30 PM

Committee Room #1 and Zoom:
<https://servetosa.zoom.us/j/85484698352>,
Meeting ID: 854 8469 8352

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Danielle Basil-Long called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present 4 Commissioner, Chair Danielle Long
 Commissioner Phillip Morris
 Commissioner Victor Plantinga
 Commissioner Stan Stojkovic
Remote 1 Commissioner Greg Leahy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the April 16, 2025, regular meeting [25-0773](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Phillip Morris
SECONDER: Victor Plantinga
2. Approval of minutes of the May 6, 2025, special meeting [25-0774](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Phillip Morris
SECONDER: Victor Plantinga

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Election of Commission President [25-0856](#)
Victor Plantinga nominated Danielle Basil Long for President. Motion by Plantinga, seconded by Leahy to approve Danielle Basil Long as President beginning in fall, 2025. Unanimous unopposed vote.
2. Election of Commission Vice President [25-0857](#)
Phillip Morris nominated Greg Leahy for Vice President. Motion by Plantinga, seconded by Leahy to approve Greg Leahy as Vice President beginning in fall, 2025. Unanimous unopposed vote.
3. Appointment of Commission Secretary [25-0858](#)

Danielle Basil Long appointed Victor Plantinga as secretary beginning fall, 2025.

REPORT OF THE POLICE CHIEF

James MacGillis, Police Chief, presented.

Operational Updates

1. Crime trends [25-0866](#)
Year to date comparison 2024 & 2025
 - *Motor Vehicle theft down 40%*
 - *Burglaries up 35% largely due to key fob steals in large multi-dwelling housing*
 - *Retail theft up 15%*
2. Suburban Major Incident Response Team [25-0867](#)
Officers and Supervisors deployed to support UW-M with encampment remembrance events as part of SMIRT. UW-MPD lead the operation which was uneventful.
3. Harm Reduction Team Collaboration [25-0868](#)
The Harm Team working with Traffic Engineering and using similar data collection to support vision zero county initiative to impact traffic safety.

Support Services

1. Staffing update [25-0871](#)
Recent and upcoming retirements, contract status- passed unanimously yesterday, discussion about waiver for Wong's vacancy; Academy graduation. 3 new officers - which is really two due to deployment.
2. Department training [25-0873](#)
Recent in-service topics. In Service training, this included a one-day Supervisor course, where team building and personality style management was covered. All sworn personnel attended a two-day training, hosted by WCTC. That training consisted of State-mandated EVOG, room clearing and a review of the Officer Involved Shooting/Death policy.
3. Froedtert ED contract [25-0875](#)
Contract remains paused. Discussions expected to restart before their new fiscal year?

Administrative Updates

1. Office Supervisor [25-0876](#)
Vision of front office leadership
 - *Selection process in progress*
 - *Interviews with numerous candidates occurring end of May*
 - *Selection/start in June*
 - *GOAL: recoup a Sgt. for operational needs instead of clerical oversight*
2. Patrol Support Specialist process [25-0878](#)
 - *Officer San Felippo selected; still off due to on-duty injury.*
 - *Will start in LD capacity when able to.*

3. Building upgrade to training room**[25-0880](#)***Replace older teaching technology for efficiency and use of outside training being hosted at WUPD***REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF***James Case, Fire Chief, presented.***Operational Updates****1. Monthly call volume****[25-0865](#)**

- 801 calls in April, 3,230 YTD
- 3,205 same period 2024

2. Significant incidents**[25-0869](#)**

- Milwaukee Apartment fire, Mother's Day; 27th & Highland Blvd
- 4 Tosa units responded (E55/T51/M51/B5)
- Our units performed a combined 14 ladder rescues from upper floors
- Multiple other interior rescues/assists

3. Shared services**[25-0870](#)***No update***Administrative Updates****1. Daily staffing updates****[25-0872](#)**

- 7 current vacancies (5 currently in recruit academy, Graduation 6/6)
- Multiple shift vacancies due to sick leave/FMLA/child birth/paramedic school
- In order to remain within overtime budget, implementing temp closures of units
- New recruits should reduce the frequency of closures
- Continue to reinforce importance of appropriate use of off-time with union

2. Firefighter hiring process**[25-0874](#)**

- Applications open through 5/25 (Sunday) 49 as of 5/21
- Screening of applications
- Joint Interview process
- PFC Interviews (6/18 after meeting for current interns, 6/24 for new applicants)
- Working with HR to update questions

3. Consolidation study update**[25-0877](#)**

- Initial update meeting held on 5/8
- High level findings after document/data reviews
- Potential recommendations meeting with project team on 6/17
- Formal reports and recommendations in August
- No separate meeting scheduled for PFC, likely be at Common Council meeting

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Morris, seconded by Plantinga, to convene into closed session at 5:08 P.M. pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and may reconvene into open session . Motion passed unanimously

1. Discipline of a sworn Police Department employee

[25-0843](#)

Discussion was had in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to return to open session at 5:30 P.M. by Plantinga, seconded by Morris. Meeting adjourned at 5:31 P.M.