



Board of Fire and Police Commission

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, June 15, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Chief of Police Office, Public Safety Building,
150 South Broad Street, Galesburg, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Thomas Peters, Commissioner Sandy Wood, and
Commissioner Bernie Cowan (all present in person)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Deputy Chief Sage, Fire Deputy Chief Schmitt, Amanda
Jennings, Jenni Moser, and Alisha Shipp

Call to Order

Chairman Thomas Peters called the regular meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Police Chief Kevin Legate and Fire Chief Randy Hovind were absent due to a department head meeting conflict.

Public Forum (Citizen Comments)

None

Approve

Commissioner Cowan moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026 regular meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. All were in favor and minutes approved.

The Commission conducted its semiannual review of executive session minutes. Commissioner Wood moved to keep the executive session minutes closed. Commissioner Cowan seconded the motion. Approved.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

Fire Deputy Chief Schmitt reported that the Fire Department remained short one deputy chief and one firefighter. A firefighter candidate was undergoing the background process with plans to attend the fall academy. Several retirements are anticipated for next year. Testing may be needed early.

Police Deputy Chief Sage reported that Zac Arthur was expected to be hired soon, after which the Police Department would remain short one officer. A new eligibility list was expected soon. Four trainees were expected to complete training and be released by August.

Fire Promotional Testing

The assessment center was scheduled for the following week. The new testing company was doing well and was focused on helping candidates succeed. The written examination was scheduled for June 24, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. Commissioners were expected to proctor the examination, with scoring handled by the vendor. The scoring arrangements would be confirmed.

Police Entry Testing

Two candidates still needed to submit documents, which were due June 16, 2026. The final eligibility list was expected to be published Friday, June 19, 2026, and then background investigations will begin for hiring.

New Business

Commissioner Cowan moved to cancel the August meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. All were in favor and the August meeting is canceled.

Adjournment

Commissioner Wood moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.