



BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION

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TO: Thomas Peters, Chairman, Commissioner Sandy Wood and
Commissioner Bernie Cowan

FROM: Jenna Hunt, Public Safety Clerk

DATE: April 21, 2026

SUBJECT: April 20, 2026 Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Thomas Peters on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 10:01 a.m.

Those present in person were: Chairman Thomas Peters, Commissioner Sandy Wood, Commissioner Bernie Cowan, Police Chief Kevin Legate, Fire Chief Randy Hovind, Secretaries Jenni Moser and Jenna Hunt.

Public Forum (Citizen Comments)

None

Approve

Commissioner Wood motioned to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2026 regular meeting. Commissioner Cowan seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

The department was approved to hire for an open firefighter position. They are currently going through the background process and plan on sending the recruit to the fall academy. The department is still down one deputy chief, and is unsure if that position will be filled soon.

The police department is currently down one officer. There are currently four candidates in the academy who will be graduating on Thursday April 23rd.

The fire department is starting administrative and peer evaluations this week for battalion chief promotional testing. Interviews will now be May 6th and the written test June 24th.

Entry level applications have been open for a month and approximately 16 have been received. The written tests are scheduled for Saturday, May 16th at 9 a.m. and Tuesday, May 19th at 6 p.m.

New Business

Commissioner Cowan motioned for Chairman Peters to remain the chairman. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. Motion approved.



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Commissioner Cowan motioned for Commissioner Wood to remain the secretary. Chairman Peters seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Commissioner Cowan motioned, seconded by Commissioner Wood, to adjourn into executive session at 10:08 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

During the Executive Session, Commissioner Cowan motioned, seconded by Commissioner Wood, to adjourn the executive session at 10:10 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Commissioner Wood and seconded by Commissioner Cowan. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chief of Police Office, Public Safety Building, 150 South Broad Street, Galesburg, Illinois

cc: Randy Hovind, Fire Chief
Kevin Legate, Police Chief
Kelli Bennewitz, City Clerk
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