



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Police and Fire Commission

Thursday, June 19, 2025

8:30 AM

City Hall - Hedgehog Conference Room

Draft until approved at the Commission's July 17, 2025 meeting.

The Police and Fire Commission meeting was conducted through video conferencing and available for public viewing at the following link:
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Happel at 8:31 a.m.

Roll Call

Guests: Chief Schott, Chief Kudron, Assistant Chief Neher, Rebecca Franzen

Present: 3 - Doug Happel, Ellen Frantz, James Szymalak

Excused: 2 - Bruce Jentz, Nese Nasif

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of May 15, 2025 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Szymalak to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2025 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz. Unanimous approval.

Agenda Items:

I. Fire Personnel Report - June, 2025

Presented by: Chief Schott

Motion by Commissioner Szymalak to accept and file the June, 2025 Fire Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz. Unanimous approval.

A. Appointment of the following to regular status following successful completion of introductory period:

- 1. Assistant Chief Blane Neher*
- 2. Battalion Chief Jesse Walters*
- 3. Captain Andrew Formanek*
- 4. Captain Brandon Gritt*
- 5. Lieutenant Ryan Scheel*

Motion by Commissioner Szymalak to approve the appointment of Blane Neher to regular status following successful completion of the introductory period.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz. Unanimous approval.

Motion by Commissioner Szymalak to approve the appointment of Jesse Walters to regular status following successful completion of the introductory period. Motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz. Unanimous approval.

Motion by Commissioner Szymalak to approve the appointment of Andrew Formanek to regular status following successful completion of the introductory period. Motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz. Unanimous approval.

Motion by Commissioner Szymalak to approve the appointment of Brandon Gritt to regular status following successful completion of the introductory period. Motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz. Unanimous approval.

Motion by Commissioner Szymalak to approve the appointment of Ryan Scheel to regular status following successful completion of the introductory period. Motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz. Unanimous approval.

II.

Police Personnel Report - June, 2025

Presented by: Chief Kudron

Motion by Commissioner Szymalak to accept and file the June, 2025 Police Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz. Unanimous approval.

A. Promotion of Sergeant Steve Pataska to the rank of Lieutenant.

Motion by Commissioner Szymalak to approve the promotion of Sergeant Steve Pataska to the rank of Lieutenant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz. Unanimous approval.

III. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

A. Future Agenda Items:

- 1. Police Officer interviews to follow July and November meetings in 2025.*

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Happel at 8:44 a.m.