



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes

### Police and Fire Commission

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Wednesday, April 15, 2026

8:30 AM

City Hall - Hedgehog Conference Room

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*Draft until approved at the Commission's May 20, 2026 meeting.*

The Police and Fire Commission meeting was conducted through video conferencing and available for public viewing at the following link:  
<https://cityoflacrosse-org.zoom.us/j/81244095033>

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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*

*Present: 3: Douglas Happel, Bruce Jentz, James Szymalak*

*Excused: 2: Nese Nasif, Joan Parke*

#### Approval of Minutes

*Minutes of March 18, 2026 meeting.*

**Motion by Commissioner Szymalak to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Happel. Unanimous approval. Commissioner Jentz abstained.**

#### Agenda Items:

I. Fire Personnel Report - April, 2026

*Presented by: Chief Schott*

**Motion by Commissioner Jentz to accept and file the April, 2026 Fire Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Szymalak. Unanimous approval.**

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

1. *Lieutenant Josh DeFlorian*
2. *Lieutenant Steven McCluskey*

**Motion by Commissioner Szymalak to approve the appointments of the following Lieutenants to regular status following successful completion of their probationary period: Josh DeFlorian and Steven McCluskey. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jentz. Unanimous approval.**

**II.** Police Personnel Report - April, 2026

*Presented by: Chief Kudron*

**Motion by Commissioner Jentz to accept and file the April, 2026 Police Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Szymalak. Unanimous approval.**

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

1. *Assistant Chief Daniel Kloss*
2. *Captain Jon Wenger*
3. *Lieutenant Christopher Oates*
4. *Lieutenant Craig Teff*
5. *Sergeant Alex Burg*
6. *Sergeant Colin Sherden*

**Motion by Commissioner Szymalak to approve the appointments of the following to regular status following successful completion of their probationary period: Assistant Chief Daniel Kloss, Captain Jon Wenger, Lieutenant Christopher Oates, Lieutenant Craig Teff, Sergeant Alex Burg, and Sergeant Colin Sherden. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jentz. Unanimous approval.**

B. *Appointment of the following Officers to regular status following successful completion of probationary period:*

1. *Jack Echternach*
2. *Paul Schroeder*
3. *Austin Teske*

**Motion by Commissioner Szymalak to approve the appointments of the Officers to regular status following successful completion of their probationary period: Jack Echternach, Paul Schroeder, and Austin Teske. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jentz. Unanimous approval.**

III. *Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.*

A. *Future Agenda Items:*

1. *Police Officer interviews to follow July and November meetings in 2026.*

## **Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Happel at 8:51 a.m.*