



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Police and Fire Commission

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

8:30 AM

City Hall - Hedgehog Conference Room

Draft until approved at the Commission's April 15, 2026 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 Kudron, Chief Schott, Kevin Bulman

Present: 4: Douglas Happel, Nese Nasif, Joan Parke, James Szymalak

Excused: 1: Bruce Jentz

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of February 18, 2026 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2026 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Parke. Unanimous approval.

Agenda Items:

I. Police Personnel Report - March, 2026

Presented by: Chief Kudron

Motion by Commissioner Szymalak to accept and file the March, 2026 Police Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.

II. Fire Personnel Report - March, 2026

Presented by: Chief Schott

Motion by Commissioner Parke to accept and file the March, 2026 Fire Personnel Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.

A. Promotion of Assistant Mechanic Kevin Bulman to the rank of Lieutenant.

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to approve the promotion of Assistant Mechanic Kevin Bulman to the rank of Lieutenant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Parke. Unanimous approval.

B. Appointment of the following to the position of probationary Firefighter:

- 1. Jack Hubbard*
- 2. Luke Schemenauer*
- 3. Adam Schmitt*
- 4. Matthew Travis (pending successful completion of final requirement)*
- 5. Devin Viner*

Motion by Commissioner Parke to approve the appointment of Jack Hubbard, Luke Schemenauer, Adam Schmitt, and Devin Viner to the position of probationary Firefighter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Szymalak. Unanimous approval.

Motion by Commissioner Parke to approve the appointment of Matthew Travis (pending successful completion of final requirement) to the position of probationary Firefighter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nasif. Unanimous approval.

C. Appointment of Firefighter Grace Babb to regular status following successful completion of probationary period.

Motion by Commissioner Nasif to approve the appointment of Firefighter Grace Babb to regular status following successful completion of probationary period. Motion seconded by Commissioner Szymalak. Unanimous approval.

III. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 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 8:48 a.m.