
**Board of Fire and Police Commissioners
June 8, 2022 Minutes**

Present:

Ken Brown
Steve Malinsky
Tim McTaggart
Chief Brian Bressner
Chief Brent Roalson
Kim Czyz

Ken Brown called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Moved by Steve Malinsky second by Tim McTaggart, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2022 meeting as written. All ayes. Motion passed.

Firefighter Testing

IO Solutions has advised the Board that 18 applications have been received for the June 25, 2022 Firefighter entry level exam. Note that all 18 applicants may not submit all required documentation to take the exam. Below are important dates as provided by IO Solutions.

Fire Entry Level Testing Timeline

Monday, June 6, 2022	"Grace period" emails sent to those with minor issues
Monday, June 13, 2022	"Grace period" deadline at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 15, 2022	Eligibility emails sent to all applicants regarding participation in orientation and written exam
Thursday, June 16, 2022	IOS to ship exam materials to client
Saturday, June 25, 2022	Written Exam administered by client. Answer sheets to be shipped back to IOS for scoring.
Two business days after receipt of answer sheets	Written exam results forwarded to point of contact, along with Initial Eligibility list via email
July 9, 2022	Oral Interview

Police Entry Level Testing

Police entry level applications are being accepted through IO Solutions. Below are important dates as provided by IO Solutions.

Police Entry Level Testing Timeline

Friday, May 27, 2022	Application goes live online at iosolutions.com – <i>pending final approval on application packet</i>
Thursday, June 23, 2022	Application deadline at 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 28, 2022	“Grace period” emails sent to those with minor issues
Tuesday, July 5, 2022	“Grace period” deadline at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 6, 2022	Eligibility emails sent to all applicants regarding participation in orientation and written exam
Thursday, July 7, 2022	IOS to ship exam materials to client
Thursday, July 14, 2022, @ TBD	Written Exam administered by client. Answer sheets to be shipped back to IOS for scoring.
Two business days after receipt of answer sheets	Written exam results forwarded to point of contact, along with Initial Eligibility list via email
TBD by client	Pass and fail emails to all candidates who tested (pending approval from department)
IOS Recruitment will supply profiles ASAP process is complete	Electronic copies of candidate profiles sent to department for all passing candidates

Police Lateral Transfers

The Board advertised for police lateral transfers from May 17 to June 1, 2022; no applications were received.

Chief Roalson requested that the Board again advertise for police lateral transfers, as the city is number 109 on a waitlist for the training academy in September for entry level officers.

The Board will advertise again for police lateral transfers, with applications due July 25, 2022; oral interviews will be following the police entry level oral interviews on August 1, 2022.

Kim will prepare the necessary documents and place the advertising.

Fire Promotions

The Board received a request from Commissioner Less to promote a Fire Lieutenant to the rank of Captain, and a Firefighter to the rank of Lieutenant due to the retirement of Fire Captain Wayne Christensen.

Moved by Steve Malinsky, seconded by Ken Brown to promote Lieutenant Michael Mills to the rank of Captain effective June 9, 2022. All ayes. Motion passed.

Moved by Ken Brown, second by Steve Malinsky to promote Firefighter Ryan Tieman to the permanent rank of Lieutenant effective June 9, 2022. All ayes. Motion passed.

Hiring Age - Police

Discussion regarding age requirements to submit an application for police patrolman. Statute requires that a candidate must be 21 years of age to obtain firearm certification.

Section 6 of the current Rules and Regulations states:

“SECTION 6 - AGE REQUIREMENTS

All applicants for a position in either the fire or police department shall be at least 21 years of age and under 35 years of age on the final date for submission of applications to the Board. . . .”

Pursuant to Illinois Statute:

“(65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6) (from Ch. 24, par. 10-2.1-6)

(e) Applicants who are 20 years of age and who have successfully completed 2 years of law enforcement studies at an accredited college or university may be considered for appointment to active duty with the police department. An applicant described in this subsection (e) who is appointed to active duty shall not have power of arrest, nor shall the applicant be permitted to carry firearms, until he or she reaches 21 years of age.”

The Board will review this issue and consider amending the rules to reflect the language in the statute.

Hiring Age – Fire

Mayor Aussem has contacted State Representative Lance Yednock regarding the statutory age requirement to be a firefighter being 21 years of age. In an effort to recruit candidates out of high school, there seems to be support at the State level to reduce the age to 18. Representative Yednock will pursue getting the appropriate legislation to a vote.

New Business

Chief Roalson advised that Board the police patrol officer Andrea Harden passed her probation period as of June 7, 2022.

Old Business

None

Upcoming Testing/Oral Interviews

June 9, 2022	Police Lateral Oral Interviews	No applications received
June 25, 2022	Firefighter entry written exam	9:00 a.m.
July 9, 2022	Firefighter entry oral interviews	Time TBA
July 14, 2022	Police entry written exam	5:30 p.m.
August 1, 2022	Police entry oral interview & police lateral oral interviews	Time TBA

Adjournment

Moved by Tim McTaggart, second by Ken Brown, to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Czyz
Administrative Assistant to the Mayor

<u>Eligibility Register</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Register Adopted</u>
Patrol Officer	Exhausted May 17, 2022	
Police Officer-Lateral Transfer	Exhausted April 13, 2022	February 9, 2022
Police Sergeant	November 15, 2024	
Police Captain	November 15, 2024	
Police Corporal	November 15, 2024	
Firefighter	Exhausted February 24, 2022	
Fire Lieutenant	September 20, 2024	
Fire Captain	September 20, 2024	