
**Board of Fire and Police Commissioners
March 12, 2025, Minutes**

Present:

Kenneth Brown
Tim McTaggart
Steve Malinsky
Chief Mike Cheatham
Captain Kyle Booras
Captain Marc Hoster

Fire Chief Brian Bressner
Deputy Fire Chief Michael Mills
Alaina Iverson
Commissioner Thomas Ganiere
Corporal Matt Najdonovich

Ken Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment

None

Minutes

Moved by Tim McTaggart second by Steve Malinsky, to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025, meeting as written. All ayes. Motion passed.

Police Hiring- Entry Level Update and Promotion Request

Comm. Ganiere submitted a letter to promote candidates to Sergeant and Corporal which will open a vacancy. Matt Najdonovich will be promoted from Corporal to Sergeant. Jonathon Berninger will then be promoted to Corporal on nightshift patrol.

Motion to promote Corporal Najdonovich to Sergeant moved by Steve Malinsky, second by Ken Brown

Motion to promote Jonathon Berninger to Corporal moved by Ken Brown and second by Steve Malinsky

Due to the above promotions there is one opening for police patrolman – Motion to hire the next eligible candidate to make a conditional offer to the next candidate Alex Mata moved by Steve Malinsky second by Tim McTaggart.

New Business

Bressner- Tyler Ward resigned due to probationary requirements for paramedics test. April meeting will need to request for another hire.

Old Business

37 applications turned in this far for Fire Dept– opened until April 7

Confirmed May 7 for Fire Testing

Correspondence

Received psychological evaluation from Standard for Derek Hobbs

Adjournment

Moved by Steve Malinski, second by Tim McTaggart, to adjourn at 10:15a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

**CITY OF OTTAWA
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**KENNETH D. BROWN., CHAIRMAN
STEVEN MALINSKY, SECRETARY
TIM MCTAGGART, COMMISSIONER**

Alaina Iverson
Interim Human Resource Director