

**VILLAGE OF WINNETKA
BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

October 17, 2024
Approved: November 20, 2024

A record of a legally convened special meeting of the Winnetka Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, which was held in the Village Hall Conference Room (510 Green Bay Road) on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

1) Call to Order:

Chairperson Benson called the special meeting to order at 5:01 PM. Secretary Storkman called the roll. Present: Chairperson Margaret (Meg) Benson, Commissioner Julian Solotorovsky, and Benefits Manager Lizzy Storkman (Board Secretary).

Absent: Commissioner Scott Myers

Also Present: Deputy Police Chief Dylan Majcher and Commander James O'Neill

2) Public Comment and Questions. None.

3) Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Solotorovsky moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2024, Board of Fire and Police Commissioners special meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Benson. By voice vote, the motion carried.

4) New Business.

a) Review of Proposed Changes to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Rules and Regulations

Secretary Storkman shared that staff is working with legal for language to update the Board the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Rules and Regulations to allow candidates for entry-level and Village lateral police officer to apply at age 20 instead of the current age 21 requirement. Changing the rules to allow 20-year-olds to apply would further expand the potential recruitment pool and allow eligible employees to apply before being eligible to do so with other agencies. Police academies will allow 20-year-olds to attend as long as they will turn 21 before the program's graduation date.

Staff anticipates legal review to be complete and the revised rules to be presented for adoption at the Board's next meeting on October 30.

5) Closed Session:

Chairperson Benson moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)1 of the Open Meetings Act to discuss personnel and employment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solotorovsky. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Chairperson Benson and Commissioner Solotorovsky. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Myers.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:06 PM.

The Board returned from closed session at 6:38 PM.

6) Other Business:

a) Patrol Officer Conditional Offer of Employment

Commissioner Solotorovsky moved to extend a conditional offer of employment to Mahamadou Traore for the position of patrol officer, subject to the successful completion of post-offer examinations and procedures, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Certificate of Appointment should the candidate accept their offer and successfully complete the post-offer examinations. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Benson. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Chairperson Benson and Commissioner Solotorovsky. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Myers.

7) Adjournment:

Commissioner Solotorovsky moved to adjourn the special meeting. Chairperson Benson seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lizzy Storkman

Secretary, Board of Fire & Police Commissioners