

**CITY OF WASHINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – 7:00 A.M.**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**115 W. JEFFERSON STREET**  
**WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**

The City of Washington Board of Police Commissioners met in the Police Department Conference Room pursuant to the posting of an agenda as required.

Chairman Ben Baer called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Present were Chairman Baer, Commissioner Barra, and Administrative Officer Beth Duley.

Citizens present – Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens.

Commissioner Barra moved and Chairman Baer seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Deputy Chief Stevens addressed the commission expressing the need for improvements in the hiring process. He emphasized the goal of enhancing efficiency and reworking the rules and regulations of the commission to ensure they are more current with the times and can facilitate faster decision-making. Deputy Chief Stevens suggested exploring changes to streamline the process for quicker decision-making and implementation.

Commissioner Barra moved and Chairman Baer seconded a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:34 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION-** for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Chairman Baer moved and Commissioner Barra seconded a motion to exit executive session at 7:42 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Barra moved and Chairman Baer seconded a motion to approve the first candidate on the list for hire. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

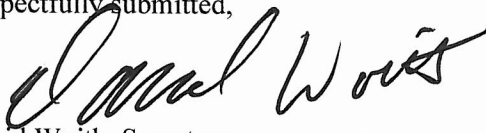
Commissioner Barra moved and Chairman Baer seconded a motion to approve the second candidate on the list for hire. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Barra moved and Chairman Baer seconded a motion to approve the third candidate on the list for hire. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion ensued regarding the scheduling of the next meeting. Administrative Officer Beth Duley agreed to contact Secretary Woith to ascertain his availability for the proposed meeting dates. The team agreed to await confirmation from Secretary Woith before finalizing the date for the upcoming meeting.

There was no further business and at 7:51 a.m. Chairman Baer moved, and Commissioner Barra seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Woith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

David Woith, Secretary