



DU PAGE COUNTY

Sheriff's Merit Commission

Meeting Minutes 2

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Thursday, April 25, 2024

8:30 AM

Room 1500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Chairman Reyes.

2. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, Chairman Reyes, Commissioner Kachiroubas, and Commissioner Gravina were present.

Staff members present: Mark Winistorfer (Assistant State's Attorney), Chief Mark Garcia (Sheriff's Office), Lindsey Stern (Sheriff's Office), Debbie Krygowski (Merit Commission Assistant)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Meeting Schedule Update

Ms. Krygowski presented the revised Merit Commission meeting schedule and noted all dates are posted on the County website.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Candidate Questions

Discussion of the following:

1. 2 Corrections candidates had difficulty obtaining official birth certificates due to the death of Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough and requested an extension to submit their official birth certificates. Discussion. The Commission agreed to grant these candidates additional time to submit official documents.

2. 2 Corrections candidates missed the designated dates and times for fingerprinting as part of the application process and are asking to remain in the process. One had a death in the family and one "inadvertently missed" the dates. Discussion. The Commission denied the request; the candidates can apply at the next round of testing.

3. Ms. Krygowski revisited the question of whether an LEB lateral applicant who was trained in Indiana but received a waiver from ILETSB and was employed at a local police department met the eligibility requirements. Discussion. The Commission agreed that an exception to the rule requiring attendance at an Illinois police academy could be waived in this situation.

6. REPORT FROM SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Sheriff's Office appreciates the efforts of the Commission and continues to need candidates to fill vacancies. Ms. Stern added that there are 6 deputies retiring in the first week of May.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kachiroubas moved and Commissioner Gravina seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Chief Garcia and Lindsey Stern left the room.

- a. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act for discussion of minutes lawfully closed under this Act, whether for the purpose of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2.06.
- b. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee, one-on-one interviews.

The Commission entered into Executive Session at 8:46 a.m.

Counsel Winistorfer left the room at 8:49 a.m.

The Commission returned to Open Session at 9:29 a.m.

8. MATTERS TO BE REFERRED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF ANY)

- a. Action on approval and/or release of minutes which were reviewed subject to a semi-annual review of minutes on April 25, 2024.

Chairman Reyes called for a motion to release Executive Session Meeting minutes from 9/14/2023; 9/21/2023; 10/5/2023; 10/19/2023; 11/2/2023; 11/16/2023; 12/7/2023; 12/21/2023; 1/11/2024; 2/1/2024; 2/8/2024; 3/7/2024; and 3/21/2024. Commissioner Kachiroubas moved and Commissioner Gravina seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all ayes.

- b. Action on the certification of candidates subject to one-on-one interviews on April 25, 2024.

Chairman Reyes called for a motion to certify Corrections candidate 2624. Commissioner Kachiroubas moved and Commissioner Gravina seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Chairman Reyes called for a motion to certify Lateral Transfer to Law Enforcement candidates 2142, 2202 and 2203. Commissioner Kachiroubas moved and Commissioner Gravina seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Candidate 2519 was not certified.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kachiroubas moved and Commissioner Gravina seconded the motion to adjourn. Voice vote: all ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.