

CITY OF ZION  
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
FROM MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2025

**Opening Protocol:**

- Call to Order:  
Chairperson Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
  
- Attendance:  
Present in-person were: Chairperson Lewis, Commissioner Idleburg, Commissioner Bartlett, and Recording Secretary, Sarah Maciareillo.  
Absent: None

**Citizens Comments:**

- There were no citizens present for comments.

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**

- Meeting minutes from November 12, 2024 were reviewed for approval.  
  
Commissioner Bartlett motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Idleburg.  
Vote: Chairperson Lewis aye, Commissioner Idleburg aye and Commissioner Bartlett aye

**Meeting Discussion:**

- Recording Secretary presented the Police Department 2025-1 Officer Testing Process Timeline for approval.  
  
Commissioner Bartlett motioned to approve the Police Department 2025-1 Officer Testing Process Timeline, and was seconded by Commissioner Idleburg.  
Vote: Chairperson Lewis aye, Commissioner Idleburg aye and Commissioner Bartlett aye
  
- Recording Secretary Maciareillo presented a draft version of an amendment to the Fire & Police Commission Rules pertaining to resignations and reinstatements. She explained that presently the Rules did not provide for a definition of “resignation in good standing” nor a means of reinstating an employee who had previously resigned. She also advised that Chief Barden had reviewed the draft and asked that wording be added to reflect any change in seniority that occurs due to the break in service.  
  
Attorney Vasselli asked that the change be tabled for now to allow for legal review and be placed on the agenda for approval at the February 11 meeting.  
  
Chairperson Lewis motioned to table the issue until February 11, and was seconded by Commissioner Bartlett.

Vote: Chairperson Lewis aye, Commissioner Idleburg aye and Commissioner Bartlett aye

- Commissioner Bartlett motioned that the Board move into Closed Session at 5:38 pm to discuss an employment issue and was seconded by Commissioner Idleburg.

Vote: Chairperson Lewis aye, Commissioner Idleburg aye and Commissioner Bartlett aye

\*\*\*\*\*MEETING MOVED INTO CLOSED SESSION\*\*\*\*\*

- Chairperson Lewis motioned to go back into Open Session at 5:45 pm, and was seconded by Commissioner Bartlett.

Vote: Chairperson Lewis aye, Commissioner Idleburg aye and Commissioner Bartlett aye

- Recording Secretary Maciareillo called the roll for attendance in the Open Session meeting  
Present in-person were: Chairperson Lewis, Commissioner Idleburg, Commissioner Bartlett, and Recording Secretary, Sarah Maciareillo.

Absent: None

- Following the Closed Session, Commissioner Bartlett motioned that the Final Eligibility Register for Firefighter/Paramedic Candidates be accepted as is. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Idleburg.

Vote: Chairperson Lewis aye, Commissioner Idleburg aye and Commissioner Bartlett aye

- Recording Secretary Maciareillo presented the Board with the current application questions being asked by the testing company for the Police and Fire testing processes. She advised that some of the questions being asked were unnecessary and indicated, on the list, which questions she would like to remove. Attorney Vasselli agreed that some of those questions should be removed and advised there have been some changes in employment law regarding what questions can be asked during the application process. He asked to further review the questions before the next testing process launches.

Commissioner Bartlett motioned to approve the modified application questions pending attorney review, and was seconded by Commissioner Idleburg.

Vote: Chairperson Lewis aye, Commissioner Idleburg aye and Commissioner Bartlett aye

**Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Bartlett and was seconded by Commissioner Idleburg.  
Vote: Chairperson Lewis aye, Commissioner Idleburg aye and Commissioner Bartlett aye

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Recording Secretary Sarah Maciareillo