

**BLOOMINGTON FIRE MERIT COMMISSION
NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
BLOOMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
320 W. 8th STREET, SUITE 220
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA 47404
MARCH 10, 2026 AT 5:00 P.M.**

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This meeting is closed to the public.

Posted: March 5, 2026

Current Members:

Nicole Browne- Term: 2/19/2025 - 1/30/2029 (C)
Jeffrey Chiparo- Term: 3/13/2025 - 1/30/2027 (FD)
Eric Powell- Term: 3/13/2025 - 1/30/2029 (FD)
Kirk White- Term: 2/26/2025 - 1/30/2029 (M)
Claire Cumberland-Term: 8/29/2025-1/30/2027 (M)

(C) Appointed by Common Council

(M) Appointed by Mayor

(FD) Elected by Fire Department

Notice and Agenda

Bloomington Fire Merit Commission

Bloomington Fire Department Headquarters

320 W. 8th Street, Suite 220

Bloomington, Indiana 47404

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1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes from last meeting (September 23, 2025)
3. Certification of Executive Session
4. Old Business
5. New Business
 - Official Approval as Appointing Authority
 - Notice of Internal/Lateral '77 Transfer
6. Staff Reports

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CALL TO ORDER

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Also in attendance was Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler, Fire Chief Roger Kerr, and Assistant Fire Chief Tania Daffron.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

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EXECUTIVE AND REGULAR SESSION: MARCH 10, 2026 AT 5:00 P.M
AND 5:15 P.M.

SIGN IN:

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John Caputo
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James Alford
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CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
BY THE
BLOOMINGTON FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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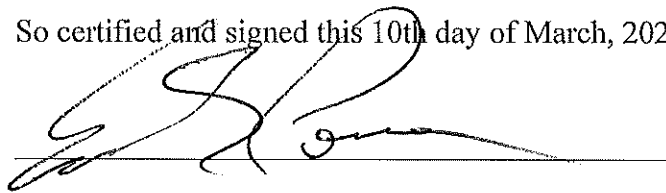
The following Board Member(s) attended the meeting in person:

Nicole Browne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Chiparo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Claire Cumberland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kirk White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

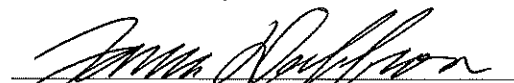
Also in attendance at the meeting were: Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler, Fire Chief
Roger Kerr, and Assistant Chief (Admin) Tania Daffron.

No final decisions were made or subject matter discussed in the Executive Session other than the
subject matter specified herein and in the posted notice of the actual session.

So certified and signed this 10th day of March, 2026.



Attest:

 3.10.2026
Tania Daffron, Asst Chief/Board Liaison
Fire Merit Commission

Meeting Notes

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Meeting: Fire Merit Commission's Special Session

Date: Month 10, 2026

Attendees: Commission Members: Eric Powell (Chair), Jeff Chiparo, Kirk White, Nicole Browne. City Attorney Chris Wheeler. Fire Chief Roger Kerr, Assistant Fire Chief (Admin) Tania Daffron.

Notes

- Meeting called to order with the aforementioned individuals present at 5:15 p.m.
- Chair Eric Powell presented the minutes from the last meeting, September 23, 2025 for approval. Kirk White provided the motion, with Jeff Chiparo the second. No discussion. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- Chair Eric Powell certified that the Commission held an Executive Session immediately preceding this Special Session.
- No old business
- New business entailed the Commission's approval of Garrett Hickman's application be sent to the State Pension Board for pension admission and future hire with Nicole Browne providing the motion and Kirk White the second. The Commission then proceeded to approve Kyler Smith's application be sent to the State Pension Board for pension admission and future hire with Jeff Chiparo providing the original motion and Kirk White the second. Neither motion received any discussion and were both passed unanimously. Official notice made by AC Daffron to the Commission for the intent to hire internal '77 plan lateral transfer Brandon Deckard, recalling his approval was part of the certified hiring list at the last meeting (Sept. 23, 2025).
- Staff reports: AC Daffron, no regular session later this month (March 24, 2026).
- No Petition or Communications
- Adjournment at 5:22 p.m., Nicole Browne so moved. Meeting adjourned.

Action Items

- Next regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

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