
BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the City of Bloomington McCloskey Conference Room located at 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Kimberly Gray called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Board members Maqubé Reese, Isak Nti Asare and Natalia Galvan were present.

Board member Shruti Rana was present via Zoom.

Also in attendance were Board Secretaries Jazmyn Forte and Heather Whitlow, Fire Chief Jason Moore, Police Captain Myrick Williams, Police Chief Michael Diekhoff, Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham and Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler.

No members of the public were present.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Kimberly Gray certified the executive session held earlier that evening.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Board Member Isak Nti Asare moved to approve the meeting minutes from the November 15, 2022 regular session. Board Member Natalia Galvan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0, through a roll call vote by Board Recording Secretary, Jazmyn Forte.

VERBAL CERTIFICATION OF PAYROLL

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff and Fire Chief Jason Moore both affirmed the payroll claims.

Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler listed off the payroll dates needed to be approved. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff and Fire Chief Jason Moore affirmed the payroll dates and claims.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham presented the monthly statistics and training.

Board President Kimberly Gray had questions about cell phone analysis. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Letters of Appreciation and Commendation:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham presented one letter of appreciation.

Board President Kimberly Gray mentioned how well-trained the police department is. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham responded.

Board member Maqubé Reese asked for more clarification on the situation behind the letter of appreciation. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

General Business:

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff stated there was no general business.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff and Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham spoke on various vehicles being purchased by the police department. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham mentioned that body armor is also being purchased.

Board member Natalia Galvan asked questions about vehicles and when they would be available. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board President Kimberly Gray asked questions about getting a new computer chip in vehicles. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Personnel:

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff stated there was still a lot of open police officer positions available.

Police Captain Myrick Williams provided information regarding new police officers, when their start dates are, and additional offers that are still pending.

Board member Natalia Galvan asked questions about employment and recruiting. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff, Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham and Police Captain Myrick Williams answered.

Board member Natalia Galvan moved to approve the promotion of Police Officer Kyle McGlone to Senior Police Officer, effective December 20, 2022. Board member Isak Nti Asare seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0, through a roll call vote by Board Recording Secretary, Jazmyn Forte.

Board member Isak Nti Asare moved to approve the promotion of Police Officer Nolan Penter to Senior Police Officer, effective December 20, 2022. Board member Natalia Galvan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-1, through a roll call vote by Board Recording Secretary, Jazmyn Forte.

Board President Kimberly Gray asked questions about promotions being posted on social media. Police Captain Myrick Williams answered.

Board member Natalia Galvan asked about a program to help prevent catalytic converter thefts. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff answered.

CIRT/ARV REPORT

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff presented CIRT Deployment Report. There were no deployments.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:

Fire Chief Jason Moore presented monthly statistics.

Board President Kimberly Gray asked about the source of a grease spill. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board President Kimberly Gray asked if response times were factors going into decisions being made about the new headquarters. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board President Kimberly Gray mentioned how far along inspection progress has improved. Fire Chief Jason Moore responded.

Letters of Appreciation and Commendation:

Fire Chief Jason Moore presented three letters of appreciation.

General Business:

Fire Chief Jason Moore stated there was no general business.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Fire Chief Jason Moore stated that the fire department purchased a new F150 and Interceptor. He mentioned the late delivery times on the newly purchased apparatus and contracts being approved for remodels at Station 2, 4 and 5.

Board President Kimberly Gray asked about the contractor working on the stations. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Personnel:

Fire Chief Jason Moore stated that the fire department was down 7 firefighters. He mentioned one more leaving soon, and a lot of firefighters retiring in January and July. He said three other firefighters left because they were offered more pay elsewhere. He mentioned that the fire department was working on renegotiating their contracts and fixing the pay rates of their firefighters.

Board member Maqubé Reese asked questions about getting a community engagement social worker in the department. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board member Maqubé Reese asked for updates of social worker positions. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board member Natalia Galvan asked if the fire department was worried about their firefighters being “poached” by other jobs. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board member Natalia Galvan asked when changes to the contract could be in effect. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Board member Natalia Galvan asked about where the administrative facilities for the police would be responded from. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff answered.

Board thanked Board member Maqubé Reese for her service on the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazmyn Forte, Recording Secretary
Board of Public Safety

The minutes of the December 20th, 2022 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 17th day of January, 2023.







