
BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Tuesday, January 16th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.**, Teleconference/Virtual Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Board member Kim Gray called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 p.m.. She welcomed new board member Shruti Rana, who gave an introduction of herself. Other Board members present were: Maqubé Reese, Luis Fuentes-Rohwer and Kim Gray.

Members of the public that were present can be seen on the attached participant list.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer moved that Kim Gray serve as president of the board for 2021. Board member Maqubé Reese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote by board recording secretary, Nicole DeCriscio Bowe.

Board president Kim Gray then entertained motions for someone to serve as vice chair of the board. Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer nominated Maqubé Reese to serve as vice chair, and board president Kim Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed through a roll call vote by board recording secretary, Nicole DeCriscio Bowe.

CONFIRMAITON OF 2021 MEETING DATES

Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer made a motion to confirm the dates, and board member Maqubé Reese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote by board recording secretary, Nicole DeCriscio Bowe.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BOARD STANDARDS

Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler presented some information on the proposed change to the Board of Public Safety's Standards. Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Lloyd added further information on how the proposed change came about.

Board member Maqubé Reese inquired if there were previous misconduct by this particular firefighter and others that might come before the board. Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Lloyd answered the questions, and Fire Chief Jason Moore answered the questions and explained the process.

Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer inquired about what this means for those that are going through the hiring process. Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Lloyd answered the question.

Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer moved to approve the amendment, and board member Maqubé Reese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote by board recording secretary, Nicole DeCriscio Bowe.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Board member Maqubé Reese moved to approve the meeting minutes from December 16, 2020, and board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote by board recording secretary, Nicole DeCriscio Bowe.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:

Fire Chief Jason Moore gave a report on the monthly statistics.

Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer inquired about the strategic planning that is planned for the future. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered the questions.

Letters of Appreciation and Commendation:

Fire Chief Jason Moore said there was none but that there were a few from the Africa trip.

General Business, Personnel and Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Fire Chief Jason Moore provided an update.

Board member Maqubé Reese inquired about start dates for the hiring class, and Fire Chief Jason Moore answered the question.

Reinstatement of Joshua Tapp:

Fire Chief Jason Moore explained Joshua Tapp's record.

Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer inquired about some details, and Fire Chief Jason Moore answered the questions.

Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer made a motion to reinstate Joshua Tapp to the position of probationary fire fighter, and board member Maqubé Reese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote by Assistant City Attorney, Christopher Wheeler.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:

Deputy Chief Joseph Qualters presented on the monthly statistics.

Board president Kim Gray inquired about Zoom events, and Deputy Chief Joseph Qualters answered the question.

Letters of Appreciation and Commendation:

Deputy Chief Joseph Qualters said there were one from the chief of police from the City of Martinsville.

General Business:

Police Chief Mike Diekhoff spoke about COVID-19 vaccinations. He said they continue to monitor things for Inauguration Day.

Board member Maqubé Reese inquired if any firefighters or police officers were at the insurrection on Capitol Hill. Police Chief Mike Diekhoff said they are not aware of any officers that were present. Fire Chief Jason Moore also said they are not aware of any officers that were present.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Police Chief Mike Diekhoff said there may be some start of the year contractual agreements.

Personnel:

Police Chief Mike Diekhoff said provided an update.

CIRT/ARV Deployment Report:

There was no CIRT/ARV deployment.

NEW BUSINESS

Verbal Certification of Payroll:

Deputy Fire Chief Jayme Washel stated that the fire payroll is correct.

Police Chief Mike Diekhoff stated that the police payroll is correct.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

No members of the public spoke at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeCriscio Bowe, Recording Secretary
Board of Public Safety

The minutes of the January 19th, 2020 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 16th day of February, 2021.
