FIRE MERIT COMMISSION
BLOOMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
320 W. 8th STREET, SUITE 220
BLOOMINGTON, in 47404
EXECUTIVE AND REGULAR SESSION: OCTOBER 27, 2026 AT 5:00 P.M AND 5:15 P.M.

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BLOOMINGTON FIRE MERIT COMMISSION
NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
BLOOMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
320 W. 8th STREET, SUITE 220
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA 47404
OCTOBER 27, 2026, AT 5:00 P.M.

The City of Bloomington's Fire Merit Commission will meet in Executive Session on October 27, 2026 commencing at 5:00 p.m., in the conference room at Bloomington Fire Department's Headquarters, located at 320 W. 8th, Suite 220, Bloomington, IN 47404. The purpose of the Executive Session is to (pick all that apply)

- receive information about current employees as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(B)

This Meeting is closed to the public.

Posted: October 20, 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 Zeyen-Term: 8/29/2025~~-1/30/2027 (M)~~ 8-29-2027 TLD 10-27-26 @1735

(C) Appointed by Common Council
(M) Appointed by Mayor
(FD) Elected by Fire Department

Fire Merit Commission Meeting

Public Notice and Agenda for Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. Bloomington Fire Department Headquarters, 320 W. 8th Street, Ste 220 Bloomington, Indiana 47404

The Bloomington Fire Merit Commission will meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 in the conference room at Bloomington Fire Department's Headquarters' Conference Room at 320 West 8th Street, Ste 220, Bloomington, Indiana.

Posted October 20, 2026

1. Call to order
2. Certification of Executive Session
3. Approval of minutes (August 25, 2026)
4. Old Business
5. New Business

    a. Request to repeal Captain's list

    b. Confirm/Reject additional term as a Fire Merit Commission Member/s

6. Staff Reports
7. Petitions and Communications (limited to 3 minutes per person)
8. Adjournment

Board Membership

Pursuant to applicable law and policy, and in compliance with Indiana Code 5-14-9-6, the following details are provided regarding the officers serving on this committee:

Board Member	Appointed By	Appointment Date	Term
Nicole Browne	Common Council	2/19/2025	2/19/2025 to 2/19/2029
Kirk White	Mayor	2/26/2025	2/26/2025 to 2/26/2029
Eric Powell	Fire Department	2/24/2025	2/24/2025 to 2/24/2029
Claire Zeyen	Mayor	8/29/2025	8/29/2025 to 8/29/2027
Jeff Chiparo	Fire Department	2/24/2025	2/24/2025 to 2/24/2027

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Fire Merit Commission Meeting Notes from: August 25, 2026
→UNAPPROVED←

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.
BFD Personnel: Travis Gratzer, Sean O'Neal, Seth Staggs, Loren Vandagrifft, Madeline Swaim, Nolan Rogers, Colton Spires, Garret Nolan, Caleb Lobosky

Notes:

Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Chair Powell presented the minutes from the last meeting, March 10, 2026 for approval. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair Powell certified that the Commission held an Executive Session immediately preceding the Regular Session

No old business.

New business entailed the Commission's certification of the Lieutenant's eligibility list, the certification of the Captain's eligibility list, and promotional approvals. The following individuals were officially promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, effective immediately: Madeline Swaim, Garrett Nolan, Nolan Rogers, Caleb Lobosky, Colton Spires, Loren Vandagrifft, Seth Staggs, Travis Gratzer, and Sean O'Neal.
Secondly, the Commission was notified of an updated evaluation form to be used semi-annually for sworn personnel.

There were no staff reports, petitions, or communications.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Approved
T Daffron
10.27.26

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
BY THE
BLOOMINGTON FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

An Executive Session of the City of Bloomington Fire Merit Commission was held on:

October 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

in the Fire Headquarters Conference Room of Showers West, 320 W 8th St.,Suite 220 Bloomington, IN 47404.

- receive information about current employees as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(B)

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

Nicole Browne	✓
Jeff Chiparo	✓
Claire Zeyen	✓
Eric Powell	✓
Kirk White	

Also in attendance at the meeting were: Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler, Fire Chief Roger Kerr, DC Litwin, 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 27th day of October, 2026.

Attest:

Tania Daffron, Asst Chief/Board Liaison
Fire Merit Commission

Fire Merit Commission Meeting Notes from October 27, 2026
→UNAPPROVED←

Attendees: Commission Members: Eric Powell (Chair), Jeff Chiparo, Nicole Browne, Claire Zeyen. COB personnel: City Attorney Chris Wheeler, Fire Chief Roger Kerr, Deputy Chief Max Litwin, and Assistant Fire Chief (Admin)Tania Daffron.

Notes:
Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Chair Powell presented the minutes from the last meeting, August 25, 2026 for approval. Browne moved, Zeyen seconded. Unanimous passing.

Chair Powell certified that the Commission held an Executive Session immediately preceding the Regular Session.

No old business.

New business entailed the Department's request to repeal the Captain's Promotional List. Chiparo moved, Browne seconded. Unanimous passing. Also, a discussion regarding the Commission Member's whose terms end in 2027, gauging interest in renewal. Procedural actions to be guided at a later date TBD.

Staff report to ensure delivery of the invitation to the grand opening of the Operations Center on S. Walnut on Nov. 6.

No petitions or communications.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.