



**CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
POLICE MERIT COMMISSION**  
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*Anthony Copeland, Mayor*

Commission Members

- Lora Kokot, Secretary
- Richard Peterson, Member
- Henry Rodriguez, President
- Tammy Sloss, Vice President
- Michael, Smith, Member

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- Enedina Rodriguez, Recording Secretary
  - Shana Levinson, Commission Attorney

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2019**

**Call to Order 503PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:** Kokot, Peterson, Rodriguez, Sloss and Smith

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve Agenda by Commissioner Peterson. Second by Commissioner Smith. A voice vote was called by President Rodriguez. All were in favor. None opposed.

Motion Carries

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of February 19, 2019 was made by Commissioner Smith. Second by Commissioner Sloss. A voice vote was called by President Rodriguez. All were in favor. None Opposed.

Motion Carries

**Correspondence:** None

**Communications from ECPD:** None

**Communications from Commissioners:** None

**Committee Reports:** None

**Old Business:** Promotional Process Update—Chief Smith asked the Commission to accept the promotion of seven sergeants and all four lieutenants; straight down the list.

A motion to approve the Chief’s request of seven sergeants and four lieutenants was made by Commissioner Sloss. Second by Commissioner Smith.

Discussion: Some Commissioners expressed concerns over those on the promotional list. There was a question as to approving the list in one mass list. Counsel stated there is no issue with going straight down the list. Does the Commission have any recourse to deny someone from moving forward on the list? Counsel stated that when the list was certified the Commission stated that those on the list are eligible for promotion. The list was certified based on the Commission criteria.

Roll Call: Ayes: Rodriguez, Sloss and Smith    Nays: Kokot and Peterson

Motion Carries

**New Business:** None

**Other Business:** Outstanding invoice from Theodore Polygraph Services

Motion to approve for processing payment made by Commissioner Sloss. Second by Commissioner Peterson.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kokot, Peterson, Rodriguez, Sloss and Smith

Motion Carries

**Public Comment:** Officer Orange—questioned the discontent of Commissioners on promotions going straight down the list.

Commissioner Kokot—answered question as to her concerns/thoughts

Commissioner Peterson—expressed his concerns/thoughts

Commissioner Rodriguez—expressed his concerns/thoughts

**Next Meeting:** March 19, 2019 @ 5PM

**Adjournment:** 529PM

Minutes Approved on ~~12~~ 2 day of April, 2019

  
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President

Attest:   
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Ercelina Rodriguez