



**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  
July 16, 2019**

**Call to Order:** 5:15

**APPROVED**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Absent:** Smith

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve July 15, 2019 Agenda made by Commissioner Peterson. Second by Commissioner Sloss. A voice vote was called by Commissioner Rodriguez. All in favor. None opposed.

**Motion carries.**

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of ~~June 2~~ <sup>July 2<sup>nd</sup></sup> and Minutes of Special meeting of July 10, 2019 made by Commissioner Kokot. Second by Commissioner Peterson. A voice vote was called by Commissioner Rodriguez. All in favor. None opposed.

**Motion carries.**

**Correspondence:** Thank you email from Joshua Galle acknowledged.

**Communications from ECPD:**

Chief Rosario reported that he'd like the application process to re-open. All six candidates accepted the conditional offer of employment. Including those six, the Department will have 85. He'd like to see us up to 105 officers.

All of the psych exams were completed on Sunday. They're set to get their physical exams this week. Today, they were sent to get fitted for their gear.

Discussion about the next academy beginning January.

Motion made to re-open the promotion process made by Commissioner Sloss. Seconded by Commission Kokot. Discussion about the applications being available on Monday, July 22 and closing on August 30 at 4:00 p.m. A voice vote was called by Commissioner Rodriguez. All in favor. None opposed.

**Motion carries.**

Commissioners ask that Secretary Rodriguez advertise on Monday, July 22, that the process is open until August 30 so they can get into the January academy.

**Communications from Commissioners:** Commissioner Sloss asked that someone respond to Mr. Williams, an applicant who stated he did not make the oral interview because of car trouble, and ask him to re-apply next time. Commissioner Rodriguez volunteered to do so.

Commissioner Peterson asked that Deputy Chief Rivera come to a meeting to discuss how the application process goes on the fire side. His son just tested for fireman. Applicants do a lot online and pay for the process. They get refunded one-half their cost when they join the Department. Deputy Chief Rivera is on vacation this week.

Commissioner Peterson reminded Chief Rosario that training must be up-to-date for promotion candidates.

**Committee Reports:** Commissioner Peterson stated that he, Commissioner Kokot and Attorney Levinson are meeting August 12 to go through the by-laws.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

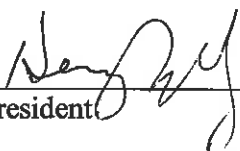
**Other Business:** The Lieutenant's exam is progressing. Commissioner Kokot stated that the testing company is available to administer the test on September 4 and September 11. It would cost \$500 less if candidates travel to Indianapolis. Test would be from 10:30-12:00. Chief will check schedules to see if either of those dates will work. Chief will email Commissioner Kokot so she can set it up.

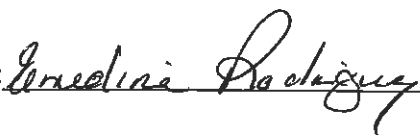
Commissioner Peterson reminded the Chief that, per by-laws, training file has to be up-to-date. Nothing can be added or subtracted at this time.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Next Meeting:** August 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** 6:00

  
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President

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