



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

APPROVED

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

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

Call to Order: 509PM

Roll Call: All present

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made 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: A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 3, 2019 and Special Meeting of September 10, 2019 was made by Commissioner Sloss. Second by Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Kokot stated concern with the minutes as written because she stated the minutes stated Officer Cordova did agree to continue and Commissioner Kokot state he did not agree as stated in the record.

A voice vote was called by President Rodriguez.

Ayes: Peterson, Rodriguez, Sloss and Smith

Nay: Kokot

Motion Carries

Correspondence: Correspondence from Officer Kokot was acknowledged as being received by the Commission

Communication from ECPD: ECPD has nothing at this time. The following questions were asked:

Question of length of time for FTO training Answer: 12 to 16 weeks or more if necessary

Question of how the applicants are doing in training Answer: All are doing well

Communications from Commissioners: None

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: Commissioner Kokot made a motion to reconsider the original discussions with regards to Officer Cordova hearing with all members present. Second made by Commissioner Smith. Discussion: Attorney Levinson gave the Commission a briefing on what occurred at the previous meeting. At the previous meeting the Commission accepted the letter from Officer Cordova. At the meeting of Sept. 3,

2019 Officer Kokot spoke on behalf of Officer Cordova as his FOP rep—once the discussion at the Sept 3, 2019 meeting was concluded there was a motion to table that had no second and the motion died. Since there was no action taken the Chief's decision was upheld. At this time the motion made is to reopen the discussion to hold a hearing.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kokot, Peterson, Smith

Nays: Rodriguez and Sloss

Motion Carries

At this time the Commission opened the discussion with regards to having a hearing.

Commissioner Kokot Concerns:

- Needs to be Rules
- No policy on force over or list
- Direct reason this occurred
- Question if the issue has been resolved to create policy

Deputy Chief Rivera:

- No policy for every decision
- Direct and lawful order given
- The discipline was for insubordination
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Attorney Levinson asked that this matter be tabled due to the length of the discussion because of a personal matter that she needed to attend.

A motion to table the matter until the next meeting was made by Commissioner Kokot. Second made by Commissioner Sloss. No Discussion

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

Motion Carries

Commissioner Kokot brought up the issue of improper notice given back in June, 2019 and any written violations were purged. It appears that improper notice was sent once again. Commissioner Sloss stated that this matter was not placed in the actual personal file. Deputy Chief Rivera explained that this is in regards to Kronos violations: this is kept in a supervisor file to keep tabs. The form is to explain what happened. It is not placed in the actual file of the individual officer; it is documented.

Question asked

Is there a different system for public safety

Answer: The decision is made from higher authority outside the ECPD

New Business: New applicants: A motion to purge the list of applicants as attached in Exhibit A was made by Commissioner Sloss. Second made by Commissioner Smith. A voice vote was called by President Rodriguez. All were in favor. None Opposed.

Motion Carries

New applicant Benjamin Lopez III will be allowed to test on a different date but will need to provide proof that he was at military duty.

Applicant Mohammad was advised that certified applicants will test on the same date.

Other Business: None


Public Comment: Officer Kokot—personnel files and policy

With no other business to discuss meeting adjourned. 548PM

Minutes approved this 1 day of OCTOBER, 2019.



President

Attest: 

**EXHIBIT A
PURGED APPLICANTS**

	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
1	Almedina	Joseph M
2	Alvarado	Rebeca
3	Borowczak	Nicholas
4	Bovee	Jeremy
5	Cabello	Rosalia
6	Corral	Jason
7	Cordova	Anthony
8	Corral	Stephen
9	Cruz	Yael
10	Feliciano	Michael
11	Gonzalez	Angela
12	Huegel	Jeremy
13	Janis	Julie
14	Kirmani	Samuel
15	Magallanes	Edgar
16	Mentink	Benjamin
17	Moreno	Luis
18	Muniz	Alberto
19	Parker	Thaddious
20	Rogel	Adrian
21	Sanchez	Victor
22	Sykes	Bria
23	Vassar	Zachary
24	Vega	Anthony
25	Velazquez	Austin
26	Williams	Daniel