CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

Milton Reed, President
Richard Trembczynski, Vice-President
Frank Smith, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m

Reported by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.
By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Milton Reed, Frank Smith, Richard Trembczynski

Staff Present: Olga Cosme, Secretary
Shana Levinson, Counsel for Board

MR. REED: Call to order the regular meeting of the Board of Public Safety, February 9th, 2026.

May we have a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 26th, 2026 as written?

MR. SMITH: I'll make a motion.

MR. TREMBCZYNSKI: Second.

MR. REED: Motion has been properly moved and second. Any questions? (None)

Hearing no questions, we'll take a vote. All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

MR. REED: Motion carries.

There is no correspondence. As far as New Business, we just need to read this into

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the record. An announcement from the Law Department that Diane M. Perez, candidate for the Police Merit Commission, election will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, in the East Chicago Police Department gymnasium from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. That is the Board of Safety announcement for the Police Merit Commission upcoming election.

As far as Old Business, we did have a letter from someone requesting an appeal process to their employment and received a letter from the HR Department as well. Based upon our legal advice that we have received, we'll consider no further action needed as the reason for termination does not fall under our jurisdiction as far as affording an appeal or any type of public hearing.

MS. LEVINSON: Just to expound on it a little more, I did speak with Human Resources who had looked at the complaint. In the Employees Handbook for East Chicago, they are the final say and they do in fact consult their own attorney, Attorney Cantrell, on all of those matters.

So, the appeal position was already reviewed by their lawyer, as well as their response under FMLA. It's my advice this Commission doesn't need to take any action on it other than to accept HR's decision.

MR. REED: I'm not sure how we note it because we don't say the name. This is a personnel matter, so we'll just say, we received a letter in our last meeting Board packet. Thank you.

There is no audience for participation.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26th, at 5:00 p.m..

Is there a motion to adjourn?

MR. TREMBCZYNSKI: I'll make that motion.

MR. SMITH: Second.

MR. REED: All in favor?

(All signify aye.)

MR. REED: Motion carries.

Thank you everyone. Meeting adjourned.

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Approval of the Public Safety Minutes
of February 5th, 2026
Approved and Signed, Monday, February 5th, 2026.

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Milton Reed, President

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Richard Trembczynski, Vice President

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Frank Smith, Member

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Olga Cosme, Secretary

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Peggy S. LaLonde, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of the said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Munster, Indiana, this 11th day of February, 2026.



Peggy S. LaLonde

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