

**CITY OF WASHINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Saturday, January 31, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.**  
Washington Police Department Training Room  
115 W. Jefferson Street, Washington, Illinois.

**Call to Order:** The City of Washington Board of Police Commissioners met in the Police Department Training Room pursuant to the posting of an agenda as required.

Chairperson Gerald Storer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

**Roll Call: Present:** Chairperson Storer, Secretary Balistreri, Commissioner Vaughn and Administrative Officer Beth Duley.

**Citizens Present:** none.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the December 3, 2025, meeting were presented for approval. *Commissioner Vaughn motioned to approve; Secretary Balistreri seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

**Executive Session – Graded Interviews for the Patrol Officer Candidates:** *Secretary Balistreri motioned to enter executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of conducting graded interviews with Patrol Officer candidates as well as to discuss personnel matters related to probationary police officers. Commissioner Vaughn seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote at 8:02 a.m.*

The Commission returned to open session at 8:55 a.m. No final action was taken in Executive Session.

**Return to Open Session** – Chairperson Storer confirmed that all graded interviews had been completed.

**Motion:** *Chairperson Storer motioned to certify Caleb Eckhoff as a regular, fully commissioned Police Officer of the City of Washington. Commissioner Vaughn seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

A follow up meeting to approve the final eligibility list was scheduled for the Commission to review and approve the blended eligibility list.

**Adjournment:** There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m. *Chairperson Storer motioned to adjourn; Commissioner Vaughn seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Respectfully submitted,



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Paula Balistreri, Secretary