

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

Saturday, February 7, 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 January 31, 2026, 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: No action was taken and the Commission did not enter executive session, as no applicants were present for graded interviews.

Approval of Blended Eligibility List - *Commissioner Vaughn motioned to approve, Chairperson Storer seconded* the approval of the blended eligibility list reflecting the combined written examination and oral board scores for police officer applicants. *Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Motion: *Commissioner Vaughn motioned* to have investigations move forward with backgrounds for the first three candidates on the list, *Chairperson Storer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Commission Discussion - The Commission discussed police officers approaching the completion of their probationary periods and noted that the next probationary period is expected to conclude in April.

The Commission reconsidered the establishment of regularly scheduled meetings and determined that such meetings are not necessary at this time due to anticipated upcoming matters.

The Commission discussed the preparation of an annual report pursuant to the record-keeping and reporting requirements of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-4). It was noted that the report should be prepared by the beginning of April and presented to the Chief of Police and the City Council.

The Commission noted that the annual report is to include, but is not limited to, information regarding the number of police officer applicants, testing attendance, physical ability test results, written examination results, graded interview results, the number of background investigations conducted, and the number of applicants hired.

Adjournment: There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m. *Secretary Balistreri motioned to adjourn; Commissioner Vaughn seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Balistreri, Secretary