

MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING OF THE FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS HELD IN THE HANSON ROOM ON FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Commissioner Dean Walsh called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to review and approve past meeting minutes, interview both Police Officer and Firefighter candidates as part of the background process, discuss eligibility of specific Police Officer and Firefighter candidates.

Roll call of members: Dean Walsh, Chairperson
Lynn Szabo, Commissioner

Also present were: Kelly Livingston, Fire & Police Commission Liaison
Joseph Murphy, Police Sgt
Dave Roberts, Fire Division Chief

Citizens to be heard: No one in attendance

Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to review and approve the Open Session minutes of February 18, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

At 3:02p.m. Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to go into Closed Session per 5ILCS120/2(c) (1): appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

At 4:41p.m. Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to end Closed Session and go to Open Session.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to approve the Closed Session minutes of February 18, 2025.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to allow Police Officer candidate 1H temporary pass due to military obligations not exceeding his eligibility expiration date of 12/31/2025.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to disqualify applicant, candidate 14M, from further consideration of employment with the Police Department pursuant to the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rule, Section 2.4 Disqualifications.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to disqualify applicant, candidate 15P, from further consideration of employment with the Police Department pursuant to the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rule, Section 2.4 Disqualifications.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to disqualify applicant, candidate 17M, from further consideration of employment with the Police Department pursuant to the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rule, Section 2.4 Disqualifications.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to disqualify applicant, candidate 22W, from further consideration of employment with the Police Department pursuant to the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rule, Section 2.4 Disqualifications.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to disqualify applicant, candidate 23P, from further consideration of employment with the Police Department pursuant to the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rule, Section 2.4 Disqualifications.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to disqualify applicant, candidate 27P, from further consideration of employment with the Police Department pursuant to the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rule, Section 2.4 Disqualifications.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to disqualify applicant, candidate 33M, from further consideration of employment with the Police Department pursuant to the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rule, Section 2.4 Disqualifications.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to disqualify applicant, candidate 35B, from further consideration of employment with the Police Department pursuant to the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rule, Section 2.4 Disqualifications.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to disqualify applicant, candidate 6W, from further consideration of employment with the Fire Department pursuant to the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rule, Section 2.4 Disqualifications.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

At the conclusion of the interview for Police Officer, the Board determined the individuals to have met the criteria and continue the candidate in the process.

Commissioner Lynn Szabo made a motion to continue applicant, candidate 7R in the process for Firefighter, pursuant to the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rule, Section 3.5 Police Department Staff Interviews, Background Investigation and Medical Exams.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

Commissioner Lynn Szabo made a motion to disqualify applicant, candidate 4F, from further consideration of employment with the Police Department pursuant to the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rule, Section 2.4 Disqualifications.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

Commissioner Lynn Szabo made a motion to disqualify applicant, candidate 24S, from further consideration of employment with the Police Department pursuant to the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rule, Section 2.4 Disqualifications.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

At the conclusion of the interview for Firefighter, the Board determined the individuals to have met the criteria and continue the candidate in the process.

Commissioner Lynn Szabo made a motion to continue applicant, candidate 3W in the process for Firefighter, pursuant to the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rule, Section 4.3 Background Investigation and Medical Exams.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lynn Szabo made a motion to adjourn Open Session at 4:45p.m.

Motion was seconded by Dean Walsh.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo Nays: None Absent: Ramirez-Alonso