

February 17, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was held on the above date, commencing at 5:35 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Richard C. Cox, Chair  
Carolina M. Stark  
Kathryn A. Hein  
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Sarah W. Morgan  
Michael M. O'Hear

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Rohlfing, Chief, Milwaukee Fire Department; and Edward Flynn, Chief, Milwaukee Police Department.

The Chair reconvened the Board in Regular Session, having previously met in Executive Session from 4:38 p.m. to 5:25 p.m. pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) Wis. Stats. to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over whom the Board has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to wit: promotion of Battalion Chief, Fire to Assistant Fire Chief and promotion of Deputy Chief, Fire to Assistant Fire Chief.

The Director presented for adoption minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2011. Commissioner Stark moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hein. The motion carried unanimously.

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) The following promotions, as presented by Chief Rohlfing, were approved by the Board:

TO ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF, from Deputy Chief, Fire, effective February 20, 2011:

MICHAEL A. F. PAYNE.

TO ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF, from Battalion Chief, Fire, effective February 20, 2011:

PAUL J. CONWAY.

b) The Director returned to the Board two letters dated January 26 and February 14, 2011, from Chief Flynn, wherein he requests the rescission of Milwaukee Police Department Rule 4. The Director stated that the letter of February 14, 2011 requested only the rescission of Rule 4 because it has already been incorporated into the Department's Code of Conduct. He explained the Position Responsibilities would be moved in to Standard Operating Procedures and action on them will be taken at a later date. Commissioner Morgan moved to rescind Rule 4, seconded by Commissioner O'Hear. The motion carried unanimously.

2. EXAMINATIONS:

a) The Director presented for adoption an eligible list for the position of Fire Captain in the Fire Department, consisting of 63 names. The Director read the first five names on the list and noted that the list would become effective February 20, 2011 because the current list expires February 19, 2011. Commissioner Morgan moved approval of the list, seconded by Commissioner Hein. The motion carried unanimously.

b) The Director presented for adoption an eligible list for the position of Police Officer in the Police Department, consisting of 129 names. Commissioner Stark moved approval of the list, seconded by Commissioner Morgan. The motion carried unanimously.

c) The Director presented for adoption an eligible list for the position of Communication Systems Manager in the Police Department, consisting of 2 names, which the Director read aloud. Commissioner Hein moved approval of the list, seconded by Commissioner Morgan. The motion carried unanimously.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

a) The following promotion, as presented by Chief Rohlfing, was approved by the Board:

TO ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT III, without competitive examination, from Personnel Payroll Assistant II, effective February 20, 2011:

BRIGITTE NASH.

b) The Director presented a letter dated February 10, 2011, from Chief Rohlfing, wherein he requests that the probationary period of Firefighter John R. Chelstowski be extended for a period of 11 days, until April 7, 2011, due to an on-duty injury. Commissioner Hein moved approval of the request, seconded by Commissioner O'Hear. The motion carried unanimously.

c) The Director presented a letter dated February 10, 2011, from Chief Rohlfing, wherein he requests that the probationary period of Firefighter Jason L. Leistikio be extended indefinitely, due to a military leave of absence. Juliet Battle, Personnel Officer, Milwaukee Fire Department stated the Department will notify the Board when Firefighter Leistikio returns from his military leave absence and an end date for his probationary period. Commissioner O'Hear moved approval of the request, seconded by Commissioner Lor. The motion carried unanimously.

d) The Director presented a letter dated February 10, 2011, from Chief Rohlfing, wherein he requests that an examination be conducted for the position of Heavy Equipment Operator as soon as possible as the eligible list has been exhausted. The Chair referred the request to staff for implementation.

4. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

a) The Director presented a letter dated February 10, 2011, from Chief Flynn, wherein he nominates Captain of Police Patrick S. Mitchell to the exempt position of Assistant Chief of Police in the Police Department, to be effective March 6, 2011. Pursuant to Rules of the Board, final action on this nomination was laid over to permit the nominee to be interviewed.

The Director presented a letter dated February 10, 2011, from Chief Flynn, wherein he nominates Captain of Police Darryl W. Winston to the exempt position of Assistant Chief of Police in the Police Department, to be effective March 6, 2011. Pursuant to Rules of the Board, final action on this nomination was laid over to permit the nominee to be interviewed.

The Director presented a letter dated February 10, 2011, from Chief Flynn, wherein he nominates Captain of Police Kurt R. Leibold to the exempt position of Inspector of Police in the Police Department, to be effective March 6, 2011. Pursuant to Rules of the Board, final action on this nomination was laid over to permit the nominee to be interviewed.

b) The following promotions, as presented by Chief Flynn, were approved by the Board:

TO POLICE SERGEANT, from eligible list established October 1, 2009, contingent upon successful completion of a drug screening, effective February 20, 2011:

#26 – TANYA M. BOLL; and #27 – ANDREW P. TISCHER\*.

\*Note: #27 promoted on a waiver basis.

c) The Director presented a letter dated February 10, 2011, from Chief Flynn, wherein he requests that Inspector of Police John M. Hagen serve as Acting Assistant Chief of Police for more than 30 days. Chief Flynn added the acting request would be effective March, 6, 2011. Commissioner Hein moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Stark. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment made from the public present.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner O’Hear moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Morgan. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Tobin  
Executive Director

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