



Board of Fire & Police  
Commissioners

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
CITY OF ROCKFORD  
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

Meeting Held at:  
Rockford Fire Department  
204 South First Street  
Rockford, Illinois 61104

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

**I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Commissioner Samuel Schmitz, Commissioner Ingrid Hargrove, and Commissioner Rudy Valdez. Lieutenant Kevin Nordberg was present on behalf of the Rockford Police Department. Chief Derek Bergsten and Division Chief Bob Vertiz were present on behalf of the Rockford Fire Department.

**II. Public Comment** – None.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes** – None.

**IV. Old Business**

A. Police Department – Commissioners discussed the police chief archetype. Commissioner Hargrove made a motion to approve the police chief archetype pending review by Police Chief Dan O'Shea. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez. All three Commissioners voted in favor.

B. Fire Department

i. Commissioners discussed the fire chief archetype. Commissioner Valdez made a motion to approve the fire chief archetype. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hargrove. All three Commissioners voted in favor.

ii. Following a closed session discussion regarding the background investigation report for firefighter Fernando Pena-Torres, Commissioner Hargrove made a motion to remove Mr. Pena-Torres from the list of eligible firefighter candidates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez. All three Commissioners voted in favor. The Board went back into open session at 12:05 pm.

C. General – None.

**V. New Business**

A. Police Department – The Commissioners conducted oral interviews of police sergeant candidates. No action was taken.

B. Fire Department – None.

C. General – None.

VI. **Communications to Board** – None.

VII. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. by motion made by Commissioner Hargrove. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez. All three Commissioners voted in favor.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel J. Schmitz", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and extends slightly below the line.

Samuel J. Schmitz, Chairman  
Board of Fire and Police Commissioners