



**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: Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Commissioner Samuel Schmitz, Commissioner Ingrid Hargrove, and Commissioner Rudy Valdez. Attorney Ian Linnabary was absent. Interim Chief Randy Berke was present on behalf of the Rockford Police Department. Interim Fire Chief Todd Stockburger was present on behalf of the Rockford Fire Department.

II. Public Comment – The Board was addressed by Bob Babcock.

III. Press Conference – Commissioner Schmitz described the process of recruiting, hiring, and vetting of candidates as conducted by the consulting firm, Industrial/Organizational Solutions. The Commissioners also discussed the virtual Q&A forums for the Police Chief finalists to be held on July 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., and the Fire Chief finalists to be held on August 4, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., and the public meet and greet sessions to be held during the week of August 9, 2021.

The Commissioners announced the finalists for the next Chief of the Rockford Police Department are, in alphabetical order, Larry Lapp, Jonathan Lewin, Carla Redd-Miller, and Kurt Whisenand, and the finalists for the next Chief of the Rockford Fire Department are, in alphabetical order, Trent Brass, Kyle Hill, Matthew Knott, and Michele Pankow.

The Commissioners answered questions by the media.

IV. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. by motion made by Commissioner Valdez. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hargrove. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ATTEST:

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