

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO**

May 2, 2014

Held in the West Conference Room of the City of North Chicago,
1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, Illinois

1. Chairwoman Dicker called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

2. Roll call identified the following Commissioners present:

Chairwoman Velma Dicker
Commissioner Vanderbilt Blanchard
Secretary Shawna Huley

Other persons present included:

Attorney Joseph Miller, III of the law firm of Ottosen-Britz, Ltd.
Officer Valiza Nash
Officer Larry Thomas

3. Chairwoman Dicker opened the meeting for Public Comment.

- a. Officer Nash made a statement challenging the Chief's points for the Lieutenant's promotional examination. Officer Nash requested that the Commission throw-out/remove the Chief's points from the recent promotional examination conducted by the Commission. Officer Nash indicated that her Union representatives had told her that the Commission should remove the Chief's points. Attorney Miller advised Officer Nash that any challenges to the Chief's points should follow the guidelines established through the collective bargaining agreement or the processes through the Illinois Labor Relations Act.
- b. Officer Thomas presented a written letter to the Commission and left the meeting.

Officer Carl Sturt appeared at the meeting during public comments

4. Approval of minutes.

A motion was made by Chairwoman Dicker, seconded by Commissioner Blanchard, to approve the open session minutes from the April 3, 2014, meeting as presented. There being no discussion, a roll call vote was taken on the motion with the following results: Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0. Motion to approve the identified minutes carried.

5. Old Business.

- a. Discussion on Final Police Eligibility List – Discussion tabled
- b. Discussion/possible action on Freedom of Information Act requests

Attorney Miller updated the Board that he believes all of the Freedom of Information Act requests have been responded to the Commission's attorneys. He reminded the Commissioners to forward any requests received to his office due to the statutory response requirements.

c. Discussion/possible action on invoices for Commission services.

A discussion was held on the receipt of invoices by the Commission. Further discussion was held on the process for payment of the Commission invoices by the City. Chairwoman Dicker noted that the Illinois Fire and Police Commissioners Association have suspended the Commission's membership until the bill is paid. Attorney Miller noted that his notes reflect that the invoice for the Illinois Fire & Police Commissioners Association was approved by the Commission on 3/24 for payment by the City. Attorney Miller suggested that the Commissioners follow-up on City payment of this invoice.

6. New Business.

A discussion was held on the keeping of the Commission's records and files at the police sub-station located in North Chicago. Attorney Miller noted that the room in which the records were kept was unlocked. The Commission discussed possible ways to protect the Commission's records from unauthorized access by members of the public or the City of North Chicago.

7. Closed Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blanchard, seconded by Chairwoman Dicker, to enter closed session at 9:57 A.M. for the purposes of discussing:

- a. Appointment and employment of specific employees of the City,
- b. Pending litigation – Lake Co. Cases 13CH3485 & 13L0948, and federal civil rights litigation
- c. Matters of collective bargaining

A roll call vote was taken on the motion with the following results: Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0. Motion carried.

Chairwoman Dicker reconvened open session at 10:26 A.M. in the West Conference Room of the City of North Chicago

8. Action on items from closed session.

Chairwoman Dicker noted that the Commission discussed the Sergeant's Union apparent challenge to the Chief's points for the promotional examination. A motion was made by Chairwoman Dicker, seconded by Commissioner Blanchard, to approve the posting of the promotional examination lists for the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant with the inclusion of the Chief's points., a roll call vote was taken on the motion with the following results: Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0. Motion to approve the posting of the promotional lists carried.

1) Secretary Huley was authorized to post the list upon approval of the DD-214 form submitted by Sergeant Diez.

9. Adjournment. There being no further business for the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Blanchard, seconded by Chairwoman Dicker, to adjourn at 10:52 A.M. A roll call vote was taken on the motion with the following results: Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Miller, III
One of the Commission's Attorneys

Approved by the Commission on June 5, 2014.


Velma Dicker, Chairwoman
City of North Chicago
Board of Fire and Police
Commissioners

ATTEST:


Shawna Huley, Secretary
City of North Chicago
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