

**NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

Police Merit Commission Members present: Vice-President Ken Wendling, Member Linda Lawson, Member Jim Hays. Also present: Chief Heather Burris.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:41 PM by Vice-President Wendling.

2) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

After discussing this issue, the three members present agreed that we put off the election of officers until the two open seats on the commission were filled.

3) APPROVAL OF 6-06, 2022, 12-12-2022 AND 12-29-2022 MEETING MINUTES

Member Hays made a motion to approve the June 6, 2022 minutes as presented. Member Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

After a small discussion, Member Hays made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 meeting. Member Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Member Lawson made a motion to approve the December 29, 2022 Executive Session meeting minutes and the December 29, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Member Hays seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4) POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

- A. Chief Burris informed the commission that she will be attending the Mid Winter Conference in Indianapolis on January 24, 25, and 26, 2023.
- B. Chief Burris informed the commission that the Nashville Metropolitan Department will be hosting an Instructional Development Training conference May 22 – 26, 2023. This conference should generate some money to the department.
- C. The department officers will have training regarding domestic violence on January 25, 2023, at 5:00 PM at the department.
- D. The officers will have training on February 23, 2023, at 5:00 PM over suicide prevention. This too will be at the department.

5) POLICE MERIT COMMISSION APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Chief Burris explained the process of appointing the two members needed on the commission. It is our understanding that four people applied for the two openings. One candidate was eliminated, because he lives outside of Nashville. Of the three remaining candidates, the Police Department will choose one candidate and the Town Council will choose the other candidate.

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Chief Burris added that she will continue to take Merit Commission applications through February 10, 2023. It is the commissions understanding that this position will not be filled until Town Council meets on February 16, 2023. Therefore, the commission will not be at full strength until our March 2023 meeting.

6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION


There was none.

7) ADJOURN

Vice-President Wendling adjourned the meeting at 4:48 PM



Police Merit Commission Member



Date