

**NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023**

Police Merit Commission Members present: President Ken Wendling, Vice-President Linda Lawson, Secretary Tom Bauer, Member Rick Fox. Police Merit Commission Members absent: Member Jim Hays. Also present: Chief Heather Burris.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Wendling called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

2) ROLL CALL

President Wendling called the roll.

3) APPROVAL AND DISCUSSION OF MEETING MINUTES FROM 5/16/23

President Wendling provided an update about the items being created by the Eagle Manufacturing Department at Brown County High School to provide as handouts by the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department at community events. With the closing of school, not all items have been completed.

Chief Burris mentioned that the "National Night Out Committee" is continuing to work on the planning for the event on August 1st, 2023.

Chief Burris reported that the new refrigerator for the station had been received and installed. She thanked the Community Foundation for their contribution.

Vice-President Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 5/16/23 meeting. Second, Member Ric Fox. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4) REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF BURRIS

- A. Chief Burris announced that she would be continuing her work on community relations by participating in the Brown County Fair as a volunteer in the Dunk Tank.
- B. The NaloxBox has been delivered to the Police Department by the Overdose Lifeline. It will be installed this month and supplied by the Overdose Lifeline organization. It will dispense doses of Narcan that could be used in a drug overdose crisis.
- C. Chief Burris reported that the "exploratory" police support program over the Memorial Day holiday by the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department for the Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy had gone very smoothly. She assured the board that she was able to work on this trial arrangement while fully staffing and covering all regular shifts within Nashville.
- D. The Nashville Metropolitan Police Department has hired Doug Johnson as a new Reserve Officer for the department. He has a strong background in law enforcement and will work 24 hours per month. A complete resume has been provided to Board Members.

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- E. Chief Burris reminded the Board that she will be attending the National Command Course provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, DC. from July 9th to July 15th. She provided the Board with an outline of the course and a conference calendar.
- F. Chief Burris reported that the 4-day Instructor Development Course hosted by the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department and presented by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy at the end of May had been a success. 21 officers from around the state attended. She thanked the 4H Fairgrounds for providing the meeting space and several local restaurants for catering meals.
- G. Chief Burris reported she had not completed getting all equipment back from the Reserve Officers who had been recently dismissed. She will continue to work on completing this task.
- H. Chief Burris asked to reschedule the Commission Meeting in July to a different date, because she will be attending the National Command Course in Washington, DC when the usual meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month occurs. The meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday, July 18th at 3:30pm.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Lawson moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Fox seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. President Wendling adjourned the meeting at 4:45pm.



Police Merit Commission President Wendling

7-18-2023
Date