

**NASHVILLE METROPOLITIAN POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023**

Police Merit Commission Members present: President Ken Wendling, Vice-President Linda Lawson Secretary Tom Bauer, and Member Ric Fox. Police Merit Commission Member absent: Member Jim Hays. Also present: Chief Heather Burris, Officer Dylan Smock, Lieutenant Mike Horn, Reserve Officer Benny Clevenger, Sergeant Scott Bowling, and Reserve Officer Jessica Bolin. Kim Crusier, Madison Bowling

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Wendling called the meeting to order at 3:40pm.

2) ROLL CALL

President Wendling called the roll.

3) APPROVAL AND DISCUSSION OF MEETING MINUTES FROM 7/18/2023

Vice-President Linda Lawson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the 7/18/2023 meeting. Seconded by Secretary Tom Bauer. All were unanimously in favor.

4) REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF BURRIS

- A. Chief Burris reminded the Police Merit Board Members that Heath Young would be graduating from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy during ceremonies to be held on August 18th. She encouraged Board Members and others at the meeting to attend the ceremony. The Merit Board publicly commends Officer Young for his dedication to professionalizing his position in law enforcement.
- B. Chief Burris is beginning the process of reorganizing various rooms and offices in the Police Station. She has enlisted the help of a volunteer, Kathie Brown, to help her with the process. As of July, they have begun working on the Training Room with the object of making it more functional for meetings and trainings.
- C. Chief Burris has scheduled a Collaborative Discussion Meeting with other town agencies to discuss the goals of the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department and how they integrate with the goals and directions of other Nashville town agencies. The group will include the Town Council, the Police Merit Board, the Town Attorney, and Town Administrators. The meeting is scheduled for October 10th at 5 PM in the Police Station Training Room.
- D. The preparation for the installation of the Naloxone Box from the Overdose Lifeline Project, that will be used to dispense Narcan for emergency situations, has been completed. The box will be installed in front of the Station out by Artist Drive. Electrical lines have been mapped and marked. The box will be installed this month.
- E. Chief Burris is working with John Bundick to develop a Chaplaincy Internship at the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department for 2024. John Bundick has been a Chaplain with the


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Columbus Police Department since 2018 and is a member of the Foundation for Law Enforcement Chaplaincy.

- F. Chief Burris has begun working on Budget Planning for 2024. She has been working on specific goals and improvements for the Police Department for the next year. She will begin working with the Police Merit Commission on the specific budget during the September 12th public meeting.
- G. Chief Burris made a public presentation of promotions for two officers on the force. With the support of the Nashville Metropolitan Police Merit Commission, Chief Burris presented the promotion of Dylan Smock to Personal Information Officer (PIO) for the department, and the promotion of Scott Bowling to the position of Sergeant. The Merit Board commends Dylan and Scott for the extra work and training they have put in to earn their new positions.
- H. With regret, Chief Burris accepted the resignation of Officer Dylan Smock, effective September 1st. He has accepted a position with another police force. Chief Burris and the Merit Board thank Officer Smock for his service to the Nashville Metropolitan Police force and wish him well in his new position. Chief Burris will immediately begin the search for candidates to fill the vacated position and try to have candidates available to present to the Merit Board at the September meeting. For the immediate future, Chief Burris will take on the position of Personal Information Officer.

5) ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Linda Lawson moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Tom Bauer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. President Wendling adjourned the meeting at 4:45pm.



Police Merit Commission President Wendling



Date