MERRILLVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES
Merrillville Town Hall, 7820 Broadway

July 10, 2026

Regular Meeting called to order at 2:05 PM

ITEM I — PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

William Poling – Police Commissioner Chairman, Present
Petar Dragojevic – Police Commissioner Vice Chairman, Present
Michael Rich – Police Commissioner, Present
Thomas Pawlak – Police Commissioner, Present
W. Luther Cuttino – Police Commissioner, Present
Justin Murphy –Police Commission Attorney, Present
Konstantinos Nuses – Chief of Police, Absent
Shana Levinson – Chief's Attorney, Present
Matthew Vasel – Assistant Chief of Police, Present
Lori Sanfratello – Chief's Executive Director, Present

A quorum is present.

ITEM III — APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE June 5, 2026, REGULAR MEETING.

Commissioner Rich made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2026, Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Pawlak. 5 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM V — CHIEF'S REPORT

Assistant Chief stated all have copies of May stats.

ITEM VI — INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to Approve Resolution 1060 Approving Employment for Three Probationary Patrolman Abiel Chavez, Brandon Casique, and Christopher Frantz, seconded by Commissioner Rich. 5 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to Approve Resolution 1061 Approving Employment for Probationary Patrolman Daniel Seel, seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic. 5 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM VII OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Cuttino made a motion to Amend General Order 27.6 Applicant Hiring Process, seconded by Commissioner Pawlak. 5 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM VIII NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Rich made a motion to Award Cpl Fultz Meritorious Police Duty Commendation, Ofc Kijurna, Ofc. Fields Jr., Ofc. Evans, Ofc. Mazurek, Ofc. Trotter-Borrelli, Ofc. Belt, and Det. Mason a Level II Commendation, seconded by Commissioner Cuttino

Commissioner Cuttino made a motion to Award Sgt. Besse, Ofc. Garza, Ofc. Nyulin, Ofc. Michels, Ofc. Anderson, Det. Earley, and Det. Ridgway a Level III Commendation, seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic. 5 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to Award Lt. Rice, Ofc. Belt, Det. Earley, and Ofc. Bronowski a Level I Commendation, seconded by Commissioner Pawlak. 5 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to extend a Conditional Offer to Edgar Favela, seconded by Commissioner Pawlak. 5 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Rich made a motion to Expire Exhausted Certified Eligibility list, seconded by Commissioner Pawlak. 5 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to Open a New Hiring Process, seconded by Commissioner Rich. 5 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM IX PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was none.

ITEM X ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Police Commission meeting was set and changed to August 7, 2026, at 2:00 pm.

ITEM XI ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Cuttino. 5 ayes, motion passed

AS THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 2:27 pm.

Passed and adopted on this 4th day of September 2026.

Lori Sanfratello
Chief's Executive Director
Police Commission Secretary

William Poling
Police Commissioner, Chairman