

**NOBLESVILLE FIREFIGHTER MERIT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2023
4:00 P.M.**

Commissioner Sarah Russell Goddard called the June 21, 2023 Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission Meeting to order.

Commissioners present were:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Mark Glodowski
Commissioner Sarah Russell Goddard
Commission Dale Martz
Commissioner Chris Renner

Public Safety Director Chad Knecht and Assistant Chief Uriah Eddingfield (representing the Noblesville Fire Department), Jim Butts (representing Hamilton County Professional Firefighters Association Local 4416), and attorney Mark Wohlford were all present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Renner motioned to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Martz seconded the motion.

VOTE TO APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Glodowski	Aye
Commissioner Goddard	Aye
Commissioner Martz	Aye
Commissioner Renner	Aye

The motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 1: Merit Commission to consider the hiring of three new recruits from the 2023 Hiring List [traditional hires], all pending INPRS approval: (Assistant Chief Uriah Eddingfield)

- Craig Costlow, effective August 7, 2023
- Michael Lyons, effective August 7, 2023
- Nicholas Golab, effective August 7, 2023

Chief Eddingfield presented three new proposed hires for the recruit class which will start August 7, 2023. All three are pending their INPRS approval. They are Craig Costlow, Michael Lyons, and Nicholas Golab.

Commissioner Goddard asked if they are the next individuals on the hiring list. Chief Eddingfield said they are.

Commissioner Goddard asked how the hiring process is going regarding the number of applicants we want to hire. Chief Eddingfield said we have fifteen SAFER grant hires plus an additional eight on top of that for 23 total. He said we are also trying to capture four vacancies that we have through retirements this year, which would be a total of 27. Chief Eddingfield said if today's three new hires and one lateral transfer are all approved and they are all approved by INPRS, then we will have 25. He said we lost two applicants this week due to the medical board and we are out of time, so we will not be able to replace those two in time for the August 7 recruit class start. Commission Goddard asked if this would affect the SAFER funding and Chief Eddingfield said no, that the funding for the fifteen SAFER hires are confirmed.

Commissioner Martz made a motion to approve the hiring of the three people as presented by Chief Eddingfield.

Commissioner Renner seconded the motion.

VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOTION

Commissioner Glodowski	Aye
Commissioner Goddard	Aye
Commissioner Martz	Aye
Commissioner Renner	Aye

The motion passed.

Agenda Item 2: Merit Commission to consider approval of the hiring of one lateral transfer, Dave Weinrich, effective June 26, 2023, pending a successful INPRS transfer (Assistant Chief Uriah Eddingfield)

Chief Eddingfield said we are requesting approval for the hiring of Dave Weinrich as a lateral transfer pending a successful INPRS transfer. He said Dave worked for NFD previously, left to work for another fire department, and now would like to come back to NFD.

Commissioner Goddard asked if there is any reason an INPRS transfer would not go through and Chief Eddingfield said no. He said Dave's current department had to sign off on his release and then we were able to file for his pension transfer to NFD.

Commissioner Renner asked how many lateral transfers we will have for this hiring process and Chief Eddingfield said four.

Commissioner Glodowski made a motion to approve the hiring of Dave Weinrich as a lateral transfer as presented by Chief Eddingfield.

Commissioner Martz seconded the motion.

VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOTION

Commissioner Glodowski	Aye
Commissioner Goddard	Aye
Commissioner Martz	Aye
Commissioner Renner	Aye

The motion passed.

Commissioner Glodowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Renner seconded the motion.

VOTE TO ADJOURN MEETING

Commissioner Glodowski	Aye
Commissioner Goddard	Aye
Commissioner Martz	Aye
Commissioner Renner	Aye

The meeting was adjourned.