

**MUNICIPAL FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE
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A meeting of the Lafayette Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board was held on January 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lafayette Consolidated Government Civil service testing room, 705 West University Avenue, Lafayette, Louisiana. Audio recording of this meeting will become part of the Board's permanent records.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Ron Clark, Vice Chairman L. Wayne Prejean, Christina Olivier, Dwight Prudhomme, Charley Whipp III, Board Attorney Candice Hattan, Fire Chief Robert P. Benoit, City Attorney Patrick Ottinger, Cristen Johnston, Damon Broussard, Clebe Stutes, Alton Trahan, Human Resource Director Rick Zeno, Board Secretary Mary Francis, Katie Gagliano.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. and opening statement read by Chairman Ron Clark.

1. Board authorization to approve minutes of December 13, 2023 board meeting

Motion was made to approve minutes of December 13, 2023 board meeting by Vice Chairman L. Wayne Prejean

Motion seconded by Dwight Prudhomme

Public comment: None

Opposition: None

Motion carried unanimously

2. Board authorization to approve score for Fire Engineer and Police Communications Officer II

Motion was made to approve scores by L. Wayne Prejean

Motion seconded by Charley Whipp III

Public comment: None

Opposition: None

Motion carried unanimously

3. Board authorization to approve posting notices for Fire Dept. Records Clerk, Dept. Records Clerk (Police), and Police Sergeant

Motion was made to approve posting notices by Christina Olivier

Motion seconded by L. Wayne Prejean

Public comment: None

Opposition: None

Motion carried unanimously

4. Board authorization to approve removal of Names List

Fire Department:

Broussard, Micky L.

Roy, Nathan D.

Rubin, Elijah

Motion was made to approve removal of names list by Christina Olivier

Motion seconded by L. Wayne Prejean

Public comment: None

Opposition: None

Motion carried unanimously

5. Request withdrawn from Fire Communication Officer, Richard Devlin

6. Request from Fire Training Officer, Cristen Johnston

Fire Training Officer Johnston provided a brief recap regarding the discussion held during the December meeting. Fire Chief Benoit was also in attendance with Attorney Patrick Ottinger to confirm the dismissal of the previously filed appeal.

Mr. Johnston requested that the board throw out the scores approved on November 8, 2023, due to the approval of a past waiver that removed all requirements for the Fire Training Officer II

examination. Additional discussion was held between the board. Board Member Dwight Prudhomme shared his insight on the complexity of the situation and motioned to deny the request.

Motion was made to deny request by Dwight Prudhomme

Motion seconded by L. Wayne Prejean

Public comment: Alton Trahan

Opposition: None

Roll was called with SGT. Ron Clark, L. Wayne Prejean, Charley Whipp III, Dwight Prudhomme all voting yes.

Mrs. Christina Olivier abstained herself from voting

Motion carried unanimously

7. General Board business, if any – None

8. Report of Counsel or legal updates, if any - Ms. Hattan provided a brief update on the Glover matter and assured the board of keeping them informed of any changes. She advised that the agenda be reviewed in advance to ensure that all topics are detailed enough to provide familiarity. Ms. Hattan recommended attaching relevant documents to the agenda as references to the agenda items. She requested to receive the agenda and unofficial minutes a week before the meeting to give her additional time to review.

9. Public Comment - None

Motion to adjourn by Dwight Prudhomme

Motion seconded by L. Wayne Prejean

Public comment: None

Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 am



Ron R. Clark
Chairman