



Muncie Police Merit Commission

Call to order:

A meeting of the Muncie Police Merit Commission was held on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 300 N. High Street Muncie, IN 47305- City Hall Auditorium
Bruce Qualls called the meeting to order at 6:03

Roll call:

Attendees included – Bruce Qualls, Dea Bell, Chuck Zimmers, Carisa Aguilar, Steve Craig, Nathan Sloan and Mark Ervin

Members not in attendance:

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Approval of minutes:

Chuck made a motion to accept the May 15, 2025 meeting minutes with any necessary corrections. Carisa seconded the motion. Motion to approve the meeting minutes with any necessary corrections is carried by voice vote.

Old business:

n/a

New Business:

Chief Sloan states that do to unfortunate circumstances, he is recommending to rescind the Special Officer status of Wesley Miller. Chuck made a motion to remove the Special Officer status of Wesley Miller. Dea seconded the motion. Motion to remove the status as Special Officer of Wesley Miller is carried by voice vote.

Business from Police Chief:

Chris Deegan, Deputy Police Chief, presented an official commendation for Officer Joseph Khonwai. Officer Khonwai is a recent graduate of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy

class 235. At his graduation ceremony, he was presented with the top academic awards for his entire class of 148 students from across the state.

Chief Sloan states that there are a couple of Sergeant positions available that he would like to fill and asks for the next three names on the list. Bruce states that the next three names on the list that was certified 12/5/2024 are Zachary Morgan, Gage Winters and Mariah Copeland. Chief asks that Zachary Morgan be promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Dea made a motion to promote to Zachary Morgan to the status of Sergeant. Steve seconded the motion. Motion to promote is carried by voice vote.

Chief Sloan states he has another Sergeant position he would like to fill and asks for the next three names on the list. Bruce states the next three names on the Sergeant list are Gage Winters, Mariah Copeland and Maverick Rastakhiz. Chief Sloan asks that Gage Winters be promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Chuck made a motion to promote Gage Winters to the rank of Sergeant. Carisa seconded the motion. Motion to promote is carried by voice vote.

Chief Sloan states that there are Lieutenant positions he would like to fill and asks for the next three names on the list. Bruce states the next three names on the list that was certified May 15, 2025 by the Merit Commission, are Eric Small, Bryan Ashton and Christopher Deegan. Chief asks that Sergeant Eric Small be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Bruce made a motion to promote Eric Small to the rank of Lieutenant. Dea seconded the motion. Motion to promote is carried by voice vote.

Chief states he has another Sergeant to recommend for promotion and asks for the next three names on the list. Bruce states the next three names on the list are Bryan Ashton, Christopher Deegan and Garreth Vannatta. He asks that Sergeant Bryan Ashton be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Steve made a motion to promote Bryan Ashton to the rank of Lieutenant. Dea seconded the motion. Motion to promote is carried by voice vote.

Chief states he has one more recommendation for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant and asks for the next three names on the list. Bruce states the next three names on the list are Christopher Deegan, Garreth Vannatta and Joseph Duckham. Chief states that for Merit purposes he asks that Sgt/Deputy Chief Christopher Deegan be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Dea made a motion to promote Sgt/Deputy Chief Christopher Deegan to the rank of Lieutenant. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion to promote is carried by voice vote.

Business from Attorney Mark Ervin:

n/a

Other business:

n/a

Adjournment:

Chuck made a motion to adjourn, Dea seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn is carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.