



Muncie Police Merit Commission

Call to order:

A meeting of the Muncie Police Merit Commission was held on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 300 N. High Street Muncie, IN 47305- City Hall- Auditorium
Bruce Qualls called the meeting to order at 6:05

Roll call:

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

Members not in attendance:

Members not in attendance- Dea Bell

Approval of minutes:

Chuck made a motion to accept the September 4, 2025 meeting minutes with any necessary corrections. Carisa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old business:

n/a

New Business:

n/a

Business from Police Chief:

Chief Sloan states that they have two individuals that they would like to appoint as Special Police Officers for MPD. The first of those individuals is Jim Johnson, who was an officer and detective at MPD for over two decades and recently retired to work for the Gaming Commission. He is retired now from the Gaming Commission and would like to come back to MPD as a Special Officer. The second is Gavin Green who has been a long time Reserve and would also like to make a Special Officer. Chuck made a motion to appoint Jimmy Johnson and Gavin Greene as Special Officers for the Muncie Police Department. Steve

seconded the motion. Motion to appoint Jimmy Johnson and Gavin Greene as Special Police Officers is carried by voice vote.

Chief Sloan states there is currently a Sergeant position open they would like to fill and asks for the next three names on the prospective Sergeants list. Bruce states the next three names are Mariah Copeland, Maverick Rastakhiz and Danielle Bradford. Chief asks that Mariah Copeland be promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Steve made a motion to promote Mariah Copeland to the rank of Sergeant. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion to promote Mariah Copeland to the rank of Sergeant is carried by voice vote. Chief invites newly promoted Sergeant Copeland to the podium and reads a quick bio: The newly appointed Sergeant Copeland was hired to MPD on 11/26/2018. She was on night shift patrol, she was an FTO, and was assigned to CID on 1/22/2022. She is on the department's negotiations team, she is an instructor in several areas including CPR, Flock and Fleet. She is a Flock administrator and is an on-scene evidence tech.

Business from Attorney Mark Ervin:

n/a

Other business:

n/a

Adjournment:

Chuck made a motion to adjourn, Carisa seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn is carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.