

MERRILLVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES
Merrillville Town Hall, 7820 Broadway

February 6, 2026

Regular Meeting called to order at 2:00 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, Absent
W. Luther Cuttino – Police Commissioner, Present
Justin Murphy – Police Commission Attorney, Present
Konstantinos Nuses – Chief of Police, Present
Shana Levinson – Chief's Attorney, Present
Matthew Vassel – Assistant Chief of Police, Present
Lori Sanfratello – Chief's Executive Director, Present

A quorum is present.

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE January 9, 2026 REGULAR MEETING.

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2026, Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rich. 4 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM VII CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief requested to table the December 2025 Statistical Report and the 2025 Annual Report due to inconsistency with the numbers.

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to approve the table and was seconded by Commissioner Cuttino. 4 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM VI INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Commissioner Cuttino made a motion to Approve Resolution 1055 Approving Full Time Records Secretary Evelyn Soto and was seconded by Commissioner Rich

ITEM VII OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM VIII

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Rich made a motion to approve the Resignation Letter from Ofc. Nico Galindo and was seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic. 4 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to Table the Letter of Retirement Disability from Ofc. Spencer DeBenedetti and was seconded by Commissioner Cuttino. 4 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Rich made a motion to award a Level III Commendation for Ofc. Reid, Ofc. Novak, Ofc Davidson-Dugan, Ofc. Espinosa, Ofc Bartholomew, Cpl. Henry, Ofc Caridine, Det. Earley, Det. Meyer, Det. Williams, Det. Van Rite, and Det. Mason and was seconded by Commissioner Cuttino. 4 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Cuttino made a motion to approve a Level II Commendation for Ofc. Davidson-Dugan and was seconded by Commissioner Dragojevi. 4 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Cuttino made a motion to Amend General Order 3.1 Case Reports and was seconded by Commissioner Rich. 4 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Cuttino made a motion to Amend General Order 3.2 Criminal Mischief Reports and was seconded by Commissioner Rich. 4 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Rich made a motion to Amend General Order 17.14 Patrol Shift Operation and was seconded by Commissioner Cuttino. 4 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Dragojevi made a motion to Amend General Order 22.1 Citizen Complaint Procedure and was seconded by Commissioner Rich. 4 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM IX

PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was none

ITEM X

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant Chief Vasel announced that the FOP Daytona 500 Fundraiser is February 15, 2026 from 11:30am to 5:00pm at the Slovak.

The next Police Commission meeting was set for March 6, 2026 at 2:00 pm.

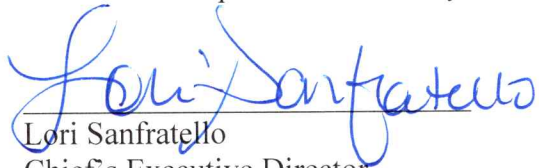
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ADJOURNMENT

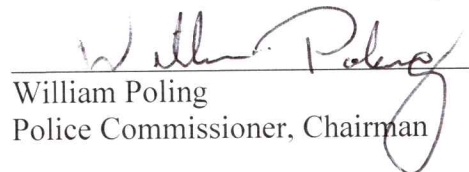
Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Cuttino. 4 ayes, motion passed

AS THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 2:18 pm.

Passed and adopted on this 6th day of March 2026.



Lori Sanfratello
Chief's Executive Director
Police Commission Secretary



William Poling
Police Commissioner, Chairman