

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE
& POLICE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BELVIDERE
HELD ON APRIL 17, 2025, THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF
THE BELVIDERE CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Hunter called this Special Meeting of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to Order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Hunter, Rathburn and Villareal were personally and physically present in the meeting room. Also present was Chief Woody, Deputy Chief Smaha, Deputy Chief Bird and SGT Ball.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no Public Comment presented.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Secretary Rathburn distributed the proposed Minutes of the Board's Special Meetings as held on April 10th of 2025.

- A. Commissioner Villareal made a verbal Motion to Approve as Presented the proposed Minutes of the Board's April 10th, 2025 Special Meeting. Commissioner Rathburn verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Rathburn	Aye
Commissioner Villareal	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and the minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. *Bills Payable.*

1. Physicians Immediate Care, Invoice Account 42272 for \$1301.00, of 8 April 2025 for pre-employment testing ICO Ethan Shook, Austin Smaha and Alexander Lee. Commissioner Rathburn made a verbal Motion to Approve as Presented this invoice. Commissioner Villareal verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Rathburn	Aye
Commissioner Villareal	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and the invoice was approved for payment.

- B. *Police Chief's Report.* Police Chief Woody made the following report. Austin Smaha is doing well in the pre-Academy training program. May 10, 2025 there will be a swearing in for new officers in the Council Chambers. Also, Officer

Ellingson resigned from the Belvidere Police Department after 18 years of service.

C. *Fire Chief's Report.* No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Police—Approve entry level applicant psychological examination ICO Erik Hernandez. After reviewing the psychological report and an in-depth discussion, Commissioner Hunter made a verbal Motion that Erik Hernandez has failed psychological examination and that he be removed from further consideration as a candidate with the Belvidere Police Department. Commissioner Villareal verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Rathburn	Aye
Commissioner Villareal	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed that Erik Hernandez failed the psychological examination and was removed from consideration as a police candidate with the Belvidere Police Department.

- B. Police – Approve entry level applicant medical examinations. Agenda item was no longer applicable.
- C. Police – Appoint entry level applicant as probationary officers with the Belvidere Police Department. Agenda item was no longer applicable.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Rathburn made a verbal Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Villareal verbally seconded this motion. A voice vote was held and Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and the Meeting as adjourned. The Meeting adjourned at about 6:21 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Timothy A. Rathburn

Approved by Vote of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners on 2 July 2025