

OPEN SESSION
MINUTES

The Lake County Sheriff's Office Merit Commission met in session on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at the County Building, 18 County Street, Waukegan, IL with the following:

Present: Nick Gountanis, Chair
Martin Walker, Vice-Chair
Carmen Patlan, Secretary
Richard Eckenstahler, Commissioner
Robert Randall, Commissioner

Also Present: Alejandra Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
Lawrence Oliver, Undersheriff
Beth Prager, State's Attorney's Office

Session called to order at 1:29 PM by Chair Gountanis.

No public comment.

Review of minutes (4/1); Approved. Motion to accept by Bob Randall, seconded by Carmen Patlan.

The Commission reviewed the roles of the Commission. At this time, Nick Gountanis requested to step down as Chair of the Commission. Move to accept the resignation of Nick Gountanis as Chairman and to accept the appointment of Carmen Patlan as the new Chair and to assign Bob Randall as Secretary and Rick Eckenstahler as Treasurer. Martin Walker will remain Vice-Chair. Motion made by Carmen Patlan, seconded by Bob Randall.

The Commission reviewed the current lateral certification process.

Bob and Rick requested to meet with Alex to review previous applicant records. The findings will be shared with the Commission on Thursday, May 6th. At this time discussion will be made to begin looking for polygraph vendors and vendors to help with rewriting the lateral interview questions.

Chair Patlan requested a motion to go into Executive session at 2:30 PM pursuant to Chapter 5 of ILCS ACT 120 SECTION 2(c)(1) and Chapter 5 of ILCS SECTION 2(c)(11). Motion made by Nick Gountanis, seconded by Bob Randall.

The meeting was reconvened to regular session by Chair Patlan at 3:34 PM.

Chair Patlan requested a motion to adjourn meeting. Motion made by Nick Gountanis, seconded

by Martin Walker.

Minutes approved 5/6/21; Motion by Bob Randall, seconded by Rick Eckenstahler.