

**NOBLESVILLE FIREFIGHTER MERIT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2023
4:00 P.M.**

Commissioner Sarah Russell Goddard called the February 15, 2023 Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission Meeting to order.

Commissioners present were:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Mark Glodowski (in person)
Commissioner Sarah Russell Goddard (in person)
Commission Dale Martz (via Teams)
Commissioner Mike Navarro (in person)
Commissioner Chris Renner (in person)

Chief Matt Mitchell and Deputy Chief Chris Gellinger (representing the Noblesville Fire Department), Lindsay Downing (representing the City of Noblesville Legal Department), Jim Butts (representing Hamilton County Professional Firefighters Association Local 4416), and attorney Jacob Antrim were all present for the meeting.

ELECTION OF MERIT COMMISSION OFFICERS

Commissioner Glodowski nominated Sarah Russell Goddard to serve as President.

Commissioner Renner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ELECT SARAH RUSSELL GODDARD AS PRESIDENT

Commissioner Glodowski	Aye
Commissioner Martz	Aye
Commissioner Navarro	Aye
Commissioner Renner	Aye
Commissioner Goddard	Aye

The motion was passed.

Commissioner Renner nominated Dale Martz to serve as Vice President.

Commissioner Glodowski seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ELECT DALE MARTZ AS VICE PRESIDENT

Commissioner Glodowski	Aye
Commissioner Martz	Aye
Commissioner Navarro	Aye
Commissioner Renner	Aye
Commissioner Goddard	Aye

The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Navarro motioned to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2022 Merit Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Glodowski seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Glodowski	Aye
Commissioner Martz	Aye
Commissioner Navarro	Aye
Commissioner Renner	Aye
Commissioner Goddard	Aye

The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Renner motioned to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Martz seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Glodowski	Aye
Commissioner Martz	Aye
Commissioner Navarro	Aye
Commissioner Renner	Aye
Commissioner Goddard	Aye

The motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 1: Merit Commission to consider approval of the promotion of Drew Kjeldsen to the merit rank of Captain (Chief Matt Mitchell)

Chief Mitchell said we are going down the Promotions List and Drew is the next person on the Captain list. He said he is asking for approval for this promotion effective March 6, 2023 as long as that position is open on that date.

Commissioner Martz made a motion to approve the promotion of Drew Kjeldsen to the merit rank of Captain effective March 6, 2023, as long as that position is open on March 6, 2023.

Commissioner Renner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOTION

Commissioner Glodowski	Aye
Commissioner Martz	Aye
Commissioner Navarro	Aye
Commissioner Renner	Aye
Commissioner Goddard	Aye

The motion passed.

Agenda Item 2: Merit Commission to consider approval of the promotion of Dan Milligan to the merit rank of Lieutenant (Chief Matt Mitchell)

Chief Mitchell said we are continuing to go down the list and Dan is the next person on the Lieutenant list. He said he is asking for approval for this promotion effective March 6, 2023 as long as that position is open on that date.

Commissioner Renner made a motion to approve the promotion of Dan Milligan to the merit rank of Lieutenant effective March 6, 2023, as long as that position is open on March 6, 2023.

Commissioner Glodowski seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOTION

Commissioner Glodowski	Aye
Commissioner Martz	Aye

Commissioner Navarro	Aye
Commissioner Renner	Aye
Commissioner Goddard	Aye

The motion passed.

Agenda Item 3: Merit Commission to consider approval of the promotion of Robbie Laratta to the merit rank of Lieutenant (Chief Matt Mitchell)

Chief Mitchell said he is asking for approval for the promotion of Robbie Laratta to Lieutenant effective April 3, 2023 as long as that position is open on April 3, 2023.

Commissioner Martz made a motion to approve the promotion of Robbie Laratta to the merit rank of Lieutenant effective April 3, 2023, as long as that position is open on April 3, 2023.

Commissioner Renner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE

Commissioner Glodowski	Aye
Commissioner Martz	Aye
Commissioner Navarro	Aye
Commissioner Renner	Aye
Commissioner Goddard	Aye

The motion passed.

Agenda Item 4: Merit Commission to consider approval of the promotion of John Huseman to the merit rank of Lieutenant (Chief Matt Mitchell)

Chief Mitchell said John is next on the list and we are anticipating this promotion to be effective on April 3, 2023. He said he is requesting approval to promote John to Lieutenant as long as that position is available on April 3, 2023.

Commissioner Goddard made a motion to approve the promotion of John Huseman to the merit rank of Lieutenant effective April 3, 2023, as long as that position is open on April 3, 2023.

Commissioner Navarro seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOTION

Commissioner Glodowski	Aye
Commissioner Martz	Aye
Commissioner Navarro	Aye
Commissioner Renner	Aye
Commissioner Goddard	Aye

The motion passed.

On behalf of the Merit Commission, Commissioner Goddard congratulated Chief Gellinger on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for his service to NFD and the city.

Commissioner Renner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Glodowski seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN MEETING

Commissioner Glodowski	Aye
Commissioner Martz	Aye
Commissioner Navarro	Aye
Commissioner Renner	Aye
Commissioner Goddard	Aye

The meeting was adjourned.