

**LaPorte City Fire Department Merit Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2019**

Present:

Commission Members Darrell Crites, Dr. James Edwards, Edward Gondeck, Jessica Romine, and Gary Travis. Asst Chief A.C Pressler

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President, Dr. Edwards. The prior meeting minutes were read out loud by secretary, Ms. Romine. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Attorney, Nick Otis, has provided us with a draft of the amended bylaws. The only additional changes will be to include the language for the extra points given to applications for specific types of education or experience.

New Business:

The promotional exams will be held May 6 and 7, 2019. The exams are written and scored by Sarah Smith, professor at PNW. The promotions are rated based on the following:

Test score = 40%, Seniority = 20%, Past Performance Reviews = 30% Interview = 10%

The Commission gives an oral interview. The interviews will take place in the fall after the performance reviews are completed.

A motion was made by Ms. Romine to approve the promotional exam dates. Mr. Travis seconded, and all voted in favor.

The new fire station will be located on Philadelphia Street, on the old INDOT property. Groundbreaking is likely going to take place this spring, with plans to move into the new station in the spring of 2020.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

The next meeting is March 6, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica N. Romine, Secretary