

**Village of Franklin Park  
Fire & Police Commission  
Monday, January 5, 2026  
Meeting Minutes**

**Call to order:** The meeting for the Fire & Police Commission was called to order by Commissioner Irene Herrera at 6:00 pm.

**Roll Call / Quorum:** Present is Commissioner Guillermo Rios, Commissioner Mark Holmes, Commissioner Irene Herrera and Secretary Dinorah Rangel. Also in attendance, Chief Mark Stewart, Chief of Police Tom Ferris and Trustee Bill Ruhl.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the December 1, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Irene Herrera and seconded by Commissioner Guillermo Rios. Motion passed.

**Communications:**

**Chief Mark Stewart:** We had one of our firefighters resign due to pay concerns. We are down three firefighter and have the list with seven people. We will need to go into executive session to discuss background checks.

**Chief Tom Ferris:** I have the poly and psych results for two candidates. We will need to start a new eligibility list and a new sergeants list. If we can look into some dates for these exams.

**Commissioner Irene Herrera:** Motion to move into executive secession at 6:03 p.m.

**Commissioner Irene Herrera:** Motion to leave executive session at 6:16 p.m.

**Trustee Bill Ruhl:** The new state law that went into effect January 1<sup>st</sup> is the Sonya Massey Act. It pertains to police officers old and new. Police officers are now subject to a more comprehensive background check regarding previous employers. They must give permission to have employers to open up all their records. Agencies are required to give full comprehensive reports for officers seeking employment at another agency. Reports must be detailed of officers past performance especially anything bad.

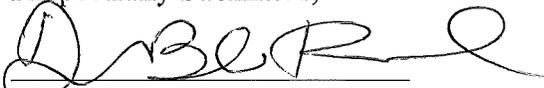
**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. made by Commissioner Irene Herrera and seconded by Commissioner Guillermo Rios with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Dinorah Bernal Rangel