

**Village of Franklin Park
Fire & Police Commission
Monday, August 17, 2026
Meeting Minutes**

Call to order: The meeting for the Fire & Police Commission was called to order by Secretary Dinorah Rangel at 6:00 pm.

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the July 20, 2026, was made by Secretary Dinorah Rangel and seconded by Commissioner Guillermo Rios. Motion passed.

Communications:

Chief Tom Ferris: We have one officer who graduated the academy Thursday and will go into field training Friday. We had three candidates who passed background will be taking their power test on August 29th and going to the academy on September 8th.

Chief Luke Palermo: We have two candidates at Romeoville Fire Academy currently in week 3. Week one Bill Sweetman injured his foot during PT and he is currently recovered and doing well. The new hire posting is one week old and closed on the August 28th and we have twelve eligible candidate and two more scheduled. The lieutenants exam process has began and letters of intent are due August 28th. We have three candidates showing interest and two others who are eligible. Orientation for exam is September 8th presented by RMA Group and written and assessment centers will be in January and February of 2027. There is only one academy class left for this year and we have four spots reserved for October 5th and two for October 12th. If we miss these dates the next academy is March of 2027. At the end of this week I want to schedule oral interviews and make them individual interviews with a max of fifteen minutes and make it a pass or fail. We will need August 29th or 30th for oral interviews and we need at least two of you. When they leave the orals they will be handed a form letting them know they have ten days to submit their preference points. We can also find out on their way out if they are BOF certified or not. The initial eligibility list will be posted on August 31st and Final Eligibility list will be posted on September 11th with job offers as soon as September 14th. Do we have anything that states the minimum passing scores for lieutenants exam. I have not seen anything and will look into this.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

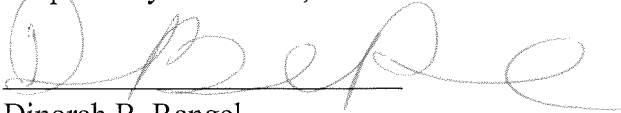
Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:19pm .We are back in regular session at 6:24 pm. All Members have returned.

Motion to promote Daniel Velazquez to sergeant was made by Secretary Dinorah Rangel and seconded by Commissioner Irene Herrera. Motion passed.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:27p.m. made by Secretary Dinorah Rangel and seconded by Commissioner Irene Herrera with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D. Rangel', written over a horizontal line.

Dinorah B. Rangel