

**Village of Franklin Park
Fire & Police Commission
Monday, September 14, 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 August 17, 2026, was made by Secretary Dinorah Rangel and seconded by Commissioner Guillermo Rios. Motion passed.

Communications:

Chief Tom Ferris: Update on our four probationary officers, two of our officers Frank Guiglio and Jacob Karkoszka started the Chicago Academy and Dominick Marrazzo graduated from the Cook County and is currently on day shift for his one month of field training. We have one probation officer Jeffrey Guzman on solo patrol phase and is on extended probation for six months until November.

Chief Luke Palermo: I saw our two candidates in the academy William Sweetman and Matthew McGarry and they are doing great and will becoming company leaders during training. They are graduating October 2nd and will start shift the following week. For the current new hire list backgrounds are in progress and will have all checks done by the 18th. Once we receive backgrounds can we move forward with hiring. We have six current openings and we have eight candidates, number six on the list is testing with other departments. That will leave us with seven candidates and I ask that we hire all seven to fill the vacancies plus one with three going to Fire academy and four starting duty. This will give us a floater to fill in and cut the overtime that we have. Dinorah will post the final list tomorrow and then send out offer letters.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Motion to hire candidates once backgrounds received by Secretary Dinorah Rangel and seconded by Commissioner Irene Herrera. Motion passed.

Motion to hire all seven candidates received by Secretary Dinorah Rangel and seconded by Commissioner Irene Herrera. Motion passed.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:11pm .We are back in regular session at 6:16 pm. All Members have returned.

Motion to pass on hiring Steve Brown received by Secretary Dinorah Rangel and seconded by Commissioner Irene Herrera. Motion passed.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:17p.m. made by Secretary Dinorah Rangel and seconded by Commissioner Irene Herrera with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dinorah B. Rangel', written over a horizontal line.

Dinorah B. Rangel