



Michigan City Police Civil Service Commission
Meeting Minutes

For January 14, 2026

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The Police Civil Service Commission of Michigan City, Indiana held a Commission Meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, in the Community Room located at 1201 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City, Indiana.

Determination of a Quorum: A quorum was present to conduct business.

Call to order: Commissioner Harris called the meeting to order.

Roll call of members: Commissioners Harris, Meland, and Bobillo were all present.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the November 12th meeting were approved.

Old Business: Update on new hires

New Business:

- Elections: Mark Harris, President, Scott Meland Vice President, Doug Bobillo Secretary
- Chief Forker reported 1 retirement and 1 resignation in January. The Department is seeking to fill 6 positions (5 new hires/1 lateral) by early Spring in order to slate the new hires for the August Police Academy. Additionally, Past Performances for the second half of 2025 are being completed. The 2026 Calendar of Events is being compiled as well.
- Assistant Chief Shiparski made remarks concerning satisfaction with the most recent new and lateral hires.
- Chief of Services Cooney, reported on December 2025 calls for service. Also reported that the Holiday patrols over November and December went well.

Awards and Promotions: None reported

Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioners Harris and Meland expressed appreciation for Commissioner Matzke's Service on the Commission.
- Commissioner Harris introduced new Commissioner Douglas Bobillo
- Commissioner Harris thanked the Chiefs for their diligence in 2025 and looked forward to working together in the coming year.
- Commissioner Meland prompted a discussion regarding movement in/out of the Department. Chief Shiparski indicated that the Department has experienced more movement in to the Department than transfers out.

Mark W. Harris
Police Civil Service Commission President



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- Commissioner Bobillo expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Commission.
- Commissioner Meland addressed the desirability of working in the Department and the recent labor negotiations.

Public comments: None

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:22 AM.
- Next meeting scheduled for 11:00 AM , February 11, 2025

Michigan City Civil Service Commission Members:

- Scott Matzke (Mayoral Appointee: 01/01/2025-12/31/2025)
- Mark Harris (F.O.P. Appointee: 09/27/2024-09/27/2028)
- Scott Meland (City Council Appointee 09/7/2024-09/7/2027)