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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Regular Meeting Minutes: May 4, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. All in attendance were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance were Commissioners Adrian, Deutscher, Espar, Harvey and Butcher. Also, present was Fire Chief Barrett Taylor. Absent was Commission Attorney Cory Shoffner.

Election of Officers- Commissioner Adrian asked for nominations for President. Commissioner Espar made the nomination that Commissioner Adrian become President, Commissioner Deutscher seconded the motion. **All in favor: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 5-0**

Commissioner Adrian asked for nominations for Vice-President. Commissioner Deutscher made the nomination that Commissioner Butcher become Vice-President, Commissioner Espar seconded the motion. **All in favor: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 5-0**

Commissioner Adrian asked for nominations for Secretary. Commissioner Harvey volunteered to be secretary. (no motion or second was made) A vote was taken, **All in favor: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 5-0**

Approval of the Minutes- Commissioner Adrian asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2026 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Butcher and was seconded by Commissioner Harvey. **All in favor: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 5-0**

Payroll and Claims- Commissioner Adrian addressed the Payroll from April 2026 in the amount of \$600.00. Claims for April 2026 in the amount of \$667.00. Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the Payroll and Claims as presented, and Commissioner Espar seconded the motion. **All in favor: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 5-0**

Report from Michigan City Common Council- Council Woman Daisy Lee wanted to thank A Shift, Stations 1 and 3 who came out to Striebel Pond a couple weekends ago and help clean up.

And also, to C Shift at Station 4 who did 3 tours one day a couple weeks ago for several of her students and they were wonderful, patient and fun and it was very much appreciated.

Commissioner Butcher asked if the shift knew about the shout out from the Councilwoman Lee and Chief Taylor stated yes, they did that he spoke with them and Councilwoman Lee stated she also spoke with them and made them cards.

Report from Commission Attorney- Absent

Report from Fire Chief- Chief Taylor started with the run data for April 2026:

There was a total of 415 calls

Fires	9
Hazardous Situations	24
Medical	268
Public Service	35
Non Emergency	78
Law Enforcement Support	1

Narcan was used 6 times

Fire Chief Barrett Taylor started by addressing the anniversaries for the month of May. They are as follows:

Captain Brandon Lee	17 Years
Probationary Firefighter Edwin Schmidt	1 Year

Chief Taylor addressed the Commission stating back on April 18th, B Shift went and helped Councilman Nelson with a demonstration on how to use Narcan, and answered questions from the public.

Discussion ensued about where the public can get Narcan, was it something they can purchase, was insurance requires? Commissioner Butcher asked Chief Taylor to find that information out. Further discussion ensued that maybe this might be something to throw in and teach along with the CPR classes.

Chief Taylor handed the evaluations from July 1- December 31, 2025 to the commission. He stated that there was still one missing due to that individual being off for an extended period of time due to an injury. But when he does come back, the administration will get him to sign his evaluation and will get it to the commission. Further discussion ensued regarding the chief's evaluation and how that was handled by the commission.

Chief Taylor stated that the one individual went down to Public Safety Medical and the department is waiting for the results, after the results come back, the Pension Board will have a meeting and vote to hire the individual, then the individual's paperwork goes down to PERF, then they send the department a hire date.

More discussion ensues regarding if the hiring list drops below 3 names on the list, the commission needs to hold another testing process for new hires. Commissioner Deutscher made a motion to start advertising for the new hire testing and Commissioner Butcher seconded the motion. **All in favor: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 5-0**

Report from Local 475- None

Old Business- None

New Business-None

Public Comments- None

Commissioner Comments-None

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Harvey at 5:53 PM and seconded by Commissioner Espar . All in favor: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 5-0

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Members:

- Alan Harvey (Mayor Appointment 2/26/2026-11/1/2026)
- William Espar (Council Appointment; 5/21/2024-12/31/2026)
- Fred Adrian (Mayor Appointment; 1/2/2024-1/1/2028)
- Larry Butcher (Firefighter Appointment; (3/2/2026-10/31/2028)
- Greg Deutscher (Firefighter Appointment; 1/15/2025-12/31/2028)

Approved By: *Fred R. Adrian*

Date: *6/1/26*

ANGIE NELSON DEUTCH-MAYOR