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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Regular Meeting Minutes: October 5, 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, Butcher, Deutscher, Espar, Harvey. Also, present was Fire Chief Barrett Taylor and Attorney Cory Schoffner.

Approval of the Minutes- Commissioner Adrian asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2026 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Harvey and was seconded by Commissioner Espar. **All in favor: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 4-0**

Payroll and Claims- Commissioner Deutscher addressed the Payroll from September 2026 in the amount of $750.00 Claims for September 2026 in the amount of $14,150.00. Commissioner Adrian asked for a motion to approve the claims and payroll. A motion was made by Commissioner Deutscher and was seconded by Commissioner Harvey. **All in favor: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 4-0**

Report from Michigan City Common Council- Council Woman Daisy Lee stated that she would like to give the council updated. Commissioner Butcher asked that there be one person talking to Council Woman Daisy Lee. Commissioner Butcher stated he would be the one to talk to Ms. Lee.

Report from Commission Attorney- Attorney Shoffner asked that the commission make sure they pick a day for the interviews to be held as she understood there were some issues on August 29, 2026.

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

There was a total of 409 calls:

Fires	13
Hazardous Situations	19
Medical	273
Public Service	22
Rescue	2

No Emergency 80

Narcan was used 2 time.

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

Captain Brad Kreighbaum	26 Years
Lieutenant Joe Guncheon	8 Years
Firefighter Derek Jenkins	6 Years
Firefighter Chase Martin	5 Years
Firefighter Andrew Cass	5 Years
Driver/Operator Mary Griffin	5 Years
Firefighter Logan Doperalski	5 Years

Chief Taylor discussed the Open House to be held at Station 1 from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Report from Local 475- Union President Zibutis discussed the Movember shirts that are on sale, stating he would get the commissioner information regarding them.

Old Business- None

New Business- Commission Attorney addressed Mr. Harvey and Mr. Espar about their terms expiring. They were told how they needed to proceed to reup.

Further discussion ensued regarding issues that came up with the interview packets and reinterviewing the group again on October 24, 2026 starting at 1:00 pm.

More discussion ensured regarding the promotional testing scantrons. A plan was decided upon and everyone agreed.

Training Officer William Sonntag gave an update on the probationary firefighter who is in the academy stating he is also in the EMT class as well.

Public Comments- Council Woman Daisy Lee stated she had MCAS signs for everyone's yard for support.

Commissioner Comments-None

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Harvey at 5:22 PM and seconded by Commissioner Espar. All in favor: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 5-0

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 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 K. Adrian

Date: Nov. 2, 2026