

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

SPECIAL BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Wednesday, May 06, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Corrado Cirillo, Larry Samet, Kristen Stearns, Ann Steenwyk

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Claudia Krepsky

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: Attorney Eric Hagen (virtual), Attorney Kyle Gulya (virtual), Police Chief Kurt Zempel, Assistant Police Chief Doug Teunissen, City Attorney Liz Majerus, Tatum Clayton

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Roll Call
2. Call to Order

President Samet called the meeting to order at 3:33pm.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES

4. Approval of Minutes from the Regular and Special Meetings of April 21, 2026

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 21, 2026 REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Motion made by Stearns, Seconded by Steenwyk.

Voting Yea: Samet, Stearns, Steenwyk

CLOSED SESSION

5. Motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(g) for purposes of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, specifically related to charges filed against Lieutenant William Adams.

MOTION TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION.

Motion made by Stearns, Seconded by Steenwyk.

Voting Yea: Samet, Stearns, Steenwyk

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cirillo (entered late), Samet, Stearns, Steenwyk

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Krepsky

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: Attorney Hagen

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

6. Motion to reconvene in open session for purposes of holding the preliminary meeting with respect to the charges filed by Chief Zempel against Lieutenant William Adams.

MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.

Motion made by Stearns, Seconded by Cirillo.

Voting Yea: Cirillo, Samet, Stearns, Steenwyk

Preliminary meeting was led by Attorney Eric Hagen. Both Chief Zempel and Lt. Adams were given the opportunity to make comments or ask questions of the Commission regarding the charges filed.

CLOSED SESSION

7. Motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(a) for purposes of deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before the governing body, specifically related to the preliminary meeting related to charges before the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners against Lt. William Adams.

MOTION TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION.

Motion made by Stearns, Seconded by Cirillo.

Voting Yea: Cirillo, Samet, Stearns, Steenwyk

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cirillo, Samet, Stearns, Steenwyk

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Krepsky

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: Attorney Hagen

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

8. Motion to reconvene in open session to announce the decision, if any, of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners related to the preliminary meeting on the charges against Lieutenant William Adams.

MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.

Motion made by Stearns, Seconded by Steenwyk.

Voting Yea: Cirillo, Samet, Stearns, Steenwyk

9. Possible discussion and action on the appointment of a hearing examiner to conduct the evidentiary hearing for the charges against Lt. William Adams.

MOTION TO FIND THAT THE CHARGES FILED BY CHIEF ZEMPEL AGAINST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM ADAMS ARE REASONABLY SPECIFIC RELATED TO POLICE DUTIES AND SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT IMPOSITIONS OF DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF WIS. STAT. S. 62.13(S).

Motion made by Samet, Seconded by Cirillo.

Voting Yea: Cirillo, Samet, Stearns, Steenwyk

MOTION TO FORMALLY SERVE LIEUTENANT ADAMS THE CHARGES OR TO HAVE HIM STIPULATE TO INFORMALLY HAVING THE CHARGES SERVED.

Motion made by Cirillo, Seconded by Stearns.

Voting Yea: Cirillo, Samet, Stearns, Steenwyk

MOTION TO APPOINT ATTORNEY REMZY BITAR AS INDEPENDENT HEARING OFFICER (IHO) TO ATTEND SCHEDULING CONFERENCES AND EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Motion made by Stearns, Seconded by Cirillo.

Voting Yea: Cirillo, Samet, Stearns, Steenwyk

TENTATIVE DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

10. Next scheduled meeting: May 19, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.

ADJOURN

11. Call to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 P.M.