

**AGENDA**  
**FIRE MERIT COMMISSION**  
**Monday, October 28, 2024**

**3:30 P.M.**

**Council Chambers**

**Municipal Building, 229 S. Second Street, Elkhart, IN 46516**

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MEETING NUMBER (Access Code): 2304 796 6529 MEETING PASSWORD: Fire24

JOIN BY PHONE: 1-415-655-0001

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll call**
- 3. Approve Agenda**
- 4. Approve Minutes- Regular Meeting September 23, 2024**
- 5. Fire Department**
  - Request to Hire: Blake Jones, Matthew Maher, Jacob Sullivan, Kyle Peterson, Edward Brown, Colin Gifford, Jonathan Coleman**
  - Pinning Ceremony- Division Chief Noah Lace, Division Chief William Sullivan**
- 6. IAFF Local 338**
- 7. Public Participation**
- 8. Adjournment**

FIRE MERIT COMMISSION  
Monday, September 23, 2024

President Mandy Leazenby called a regular meeting of the Fire Merit Commission (FMC) to order at 3:30 p.m., Monday, September 23, 2024. Maria Leon called the role. Commissioners Mandy Leazenby, Regina Fultes, Bunita Fields-Buggs, and Jim Rodino were present. Doug Bowlby was absent.

1. AGENDA

On motion by Jim Rodino, seconded by Regina Fultes and carried 4-0, the agenda was approved as presented.

2. MINUTES

On motion by Jim Rodino, seconded by Bunita Fields-Buggs and carried 4-0, the minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 26, 2024 were approved.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Promotions- Division Chief

Chief Rodney Dale informed the Commissioners that William Sullivan moved into the newly created position of Division Chief of Administration. On motion by Regina Fultes, seconded by Bunita Fields-Buggs and carried 4-0, the Commissioners accepted the formal notification of the promotion of Division Chief William Sullivan and placed it on file.

Chief Rodney Dale informed the Commissioners that Noah Lace moved into the position of Division Chief of Building Services. On motion by Jim Rodino, seconded by Regina Fultes and carried 4-0, the Commissioners accepted the formal notification of the promotion of Division Chief Noah Lace and placed it on file.

4. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Bunita Fields-Buggs, seconded by Regina Fultes and carried 4-0, the City of Elkhart, Indiana Fire Merit Commission was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mandy Leazenby, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Doug Bowlby, Secretary

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RE: Permission to hire Blake Jones

Dear Commissioners:

I am requesting your permission to hire Blake Jones as he has satisfied all local and state requirements to become a member of the Elkhart Fire Department.

If you have any questions, or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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RE: Permission to hire Matthew Maher

Dear Commissioners:

I am requesting your permission to hire Matthew Maher as he has satisfied all local and state requirements to become a member of the Elkhart Fire Department.

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RE: Permission to hire Jacob Sullivan

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I am requesting your permission to hire Kyle Peterson as he has satisfied all local and state requirements to become a member of the Elkhart Fire Department.

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RE: Permission to hire Edward Brown

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I am requesting your permission to hire Jonathan Coleman as he has satisfied all local and state requirements to become a member of the Elkhart Fire Department.

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