

Burns Harbor Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners Minutes of January 14, 2026

The Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of Burns Harbor, Porter County, Indiana met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, in the Burns Harbor Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners President, Roseann Bozak at 6:57 p.m.

The pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Roseann Bozak	Present
Commissioner Lisa Draves	Present
Commissioner Jack McGraw	Absent

Additional Officials Present

Attorney- Clay Patton via Zoom, Police Chief- Jeremy McHargue, and Secretary- Michelle Watkins.

Also Present

Residents of the Town of Burns Harbor and Town Board members.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Draves made a motion to approve the December 10, 2025, meeting minutes. Commissioner Draves seconded the motion. Commissioner Draves-Aye, Commissioner Bozak-Aye, Commissioner McGraw-Absent. **Motion Passed.**

Reorganization

Commissioner Draves made a motion to appoint Roseann Bozak as President. Commissioner Bozak seconded the motion. Commissioner Draves- Aye, Commissioner Bozak- Aye, Commissioner McGraw-Absent. **Motion Passed.**

Commissioner Draves made a motion to appoint herself, Lisa Draves, as Vice President. Commissioner Bozak seconded the motion. Commissioner Draves- Aye, Commissioner Bozak-Aye, Commissioner McGraw-Absent. **Motion Passed.** Commissioner Bozak stated the other board member was Jack McGraw, who was appointed by the council president for the 2026 term.

Commissioner Draves made a motion to make Michelle Watkins secretary. Commissioner Bozak seconded the motion. Commissioner Draves- Aye, Commissioner Bozak- Aye, Commissioner McGraw-Absent. **Motion Passed.**

Reports

Police Chief McHargue said the Flock Cameras have been installed. We had an invoice that was submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer's office, and they are up and running.

Old Business

Ofc. Dathan Bennett Update

Police Chief McHargue stated Officer Bennett has completed his agility test for his entrance to the Northern Indiana Law Enforcement Academy this past Sunday morning, which was nice, pleasant cold morning for him. He passed everything at exit standard, so he is good to go. His last patrol shift will be tomorrow, January 15, 2026. He will start the academy Monday, January 19, 2026, and he'll be there for the next 16 weeks, until May 8, 2026.

New Business

Policy Manual

Police Chief McHargue said we are pretty in depth trying to complete the policy manual. I know that you all received a few chapters in the past, but the expectation and drive from my liaison, Toni Biancardi, is to have that to you hopefully by the middle of February 2026. It is 800 plus pages, so it's going to be a wonderful read for you all.

Good of the Order and Any other Business

None

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Draves made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bozak seconded the motion. Commissioner Draves-Aye, Commissioner Bozak-Aye Commissioner McGraw-Absent. **Motion Passed.**

The meeting concluded at 7:02 pm.

Approved March 11, 2026

BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE
COMMISSIONERS

Roseann Bozak, President

Lisa Draves, Vice President

Jack McGraw

ATTEST:

Michelle Watkins, Secretary