

HIGHLAND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

June 11, 2026

The Highland Police Commission met in regular session. Commissioner Krooswyk called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioners Danko, Miller and Stombaugh were present. Chief Potesta was also present. Councilman Turich was present. Patrol Commander Banasiak was also present. Commissioner Jurczak was absent with prior notice. Attorney Reed was not present but available by telephone, as predetermined.

Public comments –None

Minutes of the May 14, 2026 meeting were approved.
Approval was given to forward claims to the Town Council for payment.

Personnel

On a motion by Commissioner Danko and seconded by Commissioner Stombaugh the Commission on a viva voce vote approved the Resignation of Officer Christopher Wanat to be effective 6-16-26.

Accident Review Board

On a motion by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Stombaugh the Commission on a viva voce vote approve the findings of Det Sgt Lee Natelborgs accident of May 12, 2026 as an At Fault Possible Penalty as assessed by the Accident Review Board And the Administration.

Hiring

On a motion by Commissioner Danko and seconded by Commissioner Miller the Commission on a viva voce vote approved the hiring Of three (3) new applicants Mason Sannito, Sindel Keister and Andrew Gillett as 3rd Class Patrolman to be effective 6-21-26.

On a motion by Commissioner Stombaugh and seconded by Commissioner Danko the Commission on a viva voce vote approved the hiring of new applicant Ryan Hussey as a 3rd Class Patrolman to be effective 7-5-26, pending PERF approval.

Promotions

On a motion by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Danko the Commission on a viva voce vote approved the promotion of Vernon Jimerson-Bell, Alexis Gerolimos and Andrew Kinley to the rank of 1st Class Patrolmen to be effective 6-23-26.

Added to the agenda-

On a motion by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Stombaugh the Commission on a viva voce vote requested A letter be expedited to Attorney Reed for an update on the ordinance regarding E-bikes and scooters.

Business from the floor: none

Chiefs Comments-

Steve from NIPSCO dropped off 2 doz donuts for all
Marcos Pizza dropped off several pizzas for all.
Anon female resident donated 2 cases of Celsius energy drinks
More Girl Scout cookies were brought to PD
Meijer Loss Prevention sent various snacks and drinks to PD for LE Appreciation.
A Highland resident sent Langels pizzas to PD for LE Apprec.
R-Bar provided lunch Friday for LE Apprec.
The owners of Kolas Christian bookstore donated a Chik Fil A gift card to all employees.
Faith Church and their Reflectors Special Needs Ministry dropped off Gatorade and snacks as a way to thank HPD for the work in the missing special needs young man case.
Langels dropped off 2 pizzas.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM as recorded by Recording Secretary LuAnn Stirling.