

Edinburgh Police Pension Local Board
Monday, June 2, 2025
6:30PM

The Edinburgh Police Pension Local Board met in a regular session on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 6:30PM at the Town Hall, 107 South Holland Street, Edinburgh, IN.

Doyne Little called the meeting of the Edinburgh Police Pension Local Board to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call- Dave Lutz, Hector Mercado, Robert Organ, Sean Pendleton, Ryan Piercefield, Dave Lutz, and Doyne Little.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Rhonda Barrett and Town Attorney Dustin Huddleston.

Minutes of Police Pension Local Board Meeting March 3, 2025 – Doyne Little presented the minutes of the March 3, 2025, meeting.

Hector Mercado made a motion to approve the March 3, 2025, meeting minutes. Dave Lutz seconded. Ryan Piercefield abstained from voting. Motion carried 5-0.

Bylaws- Dustin Huddleston - Attorney Huddleston presented the Bylaws for the Police Local Pension Board stating that they are pretty straightforward, they provide a procedure about voting, elections and follow Indiana statute.

Attorney Huddleston stated that the only part that is ambiguous is section 3.1, which talks about hearings the statute's a little vague as to what the hearing officer's duties are. For the Police Pension board, it designates the Council president as the hearing office. It can be interpreted in one way that the council president hears all evidence, makes all decisions without input or participation of the board. The other interpretation it suggests is that the Council President is kind of the presiding officer, like a judge of the hearing.

Attorney Huddleston suggested that the board authorize him to clarify one way or the other. Attorney Huddleston stated that there is no wrong way, that he had checked with some other departments and some do it one way, some do it another. Attorney Huddleston stated that he would suggest that the full board participate and have the hearing officer kind of be the presiding person as a judge.

Council President Ryan Piercefield stated that he would highly suggest the latter option of the full board participating as that is his current position on the Police Pension Board and he would feel more comfortable presiding rather than doing all the deciding.

Attorney Huddleston stated that as they are drafts, these do not have to be approved tonight, he could update the drafts to be presented at the next meeting, or they could be approved tonight subject to his modifying Section 3.1

Hector Mercado stated that it seemed that everyone agreed that they would want the whole board to participate rather than just the hearing officer.

Police Chief Little stated that they would need a motion to approve the By-Laws pending the changes discussed by Attorney Huddleston.

Hector Mercado made a motion to approve the bylaws subject to Attorney Huddleston making the discussed changes to Section 3.1. Dave Lutz seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Other Business

Ryan Piercefield stated that the Council is working on getting qualified candidates to serve on the Merit Board and they hope to have that established by August 2025.

Rhonda Barrett asked if there were any qualifications to serve on the merit board.

Ryan Piercefield and Attorney Huddleston reviewed the requirements of the members needing to be in-town residents, and the members needing to be a mix of political parties.

Ryan Piercefield stated that this is just another step in getting the 77 Fund established.

Further discussion was held about whether the same person could sit on both the Police and Fire Merit Boards.

Justin Lollar asked if any of the members could be in the township as the Fire Department serves that area as part of the fire district.

Attorney Huddleston stated that he would need to look into those questions.

Police Chief Little gave an update on the physicals for the current officers, and asked to have another meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 6:30 pm, for signatures on packets for the physicals to be sent to INPRS.

Ryan Piercefield made a motion to hold a meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Hector Mercado seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments

Being no further business or comments, Hector Mercado made a motion to adjourn. Sean Pendleton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Town of Edinburgh Police Pension Local Board meetings. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0pagNU7lg5FkjGffOyWphtcPehll-R5g> for as long as this media is supported.

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Hector Mercado, Secretary