

**CITY OF
OAKBROOK TERRACE
Police Commission**

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**Minutes of the Oakbrook Terrace Police Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 15, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Valle, Brown, Shanahan; and recording Secretary, Nadia Hajduk.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Brown, seconded by Valle to approve minutes as presented by Secretary Hajduk. Shanahan asked for corrections to be made. Chairman Valle told Commissioner Shanahan to give corrections to Secretary Hajduk and minutes would be corrected and approved at the next meeting. Ayes: Valle & Brown, Nays: Shanahan. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Advocate Health Care – Secretary Hajduk received an email stating rates are increasing
4/11/25 Det Sgt Bryant - Aaliyah Nunez, preliminary pre-employment background
4/21/25 Deputy Chief Clark – previous sworn in dates of officers prior to POWER test
5/9/25 Cecilio Flores email, no longer interested, took a job with Cook County Sheriff
5/15/25 Deputy Chief Clark email, advising Officer Jason Sluzewicz has resigned effective 5/12/25, now in need of six (6) officers. Candidates with experience are preferred due to immediate need. Effective 5/1/25 the City Council authorized increasing number of officers to 25 from 22. Advised the next three academy start dates; 6/29/25 Illinois State Police Academy, 8/18/25 Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy, and 9/1/25 Suburban Law Enforcement Academy. The POWER test will likely be two or three weeks before the academy start dates.

5/15/25 Deputy Chief Clark email requesting to leave the lateral application process open until vacancies are filled.

5/15/25 IT Department, Mike Spellman – temporary password for new email system

Commissioner Shanahan added correspondence:

4/14/25 Tanya Walker email – following up that our Board was okay with tablets rather than laptops, she will get another quote.

4/15/25 Tanya Walker email – Samsung Galaxy Tab S10+ Enterprise Edition to keep in line with other equipment City currently has, available for \$994.92 each. Commissioner Valle stated that was too much money to spend on tablets, don't need all the bells and whistles. Commissioner Shanahan agreed. Commissioner Brown asked how much the quote for laptops was that were previously offered; they were \$1600.

4/14/25 Deputy Chief Clark email – Reports – preliminary background checks on

Samatas, Gonzalez and Nunez.

4/21/25 Chief Calvello email – Mayor has authorized \$7,000 signing bonus incentive to lateral hires.

5/6/25 Commissioner Shanahan email – to all commissioners and cc Mayor, offering help to Secretary Hajduk to get files up to date. Last minutes filed were March 12, 2020, last agenda filed is October 12, 2023, last bill filed was from October 12, 2023 and last payroll sheet filed was from January 2024. Personnel files have not been updated in last two years. Commissioner Valle and Commissioner Brown both stated they are still unable to get into their city assigned email accounts, so they can't get emails. Commissioner Valle stated they are waiting for the new computers/tablets.

5/7/25 Jodie Esposito email – responding to Secretary Hajduk asking that the agenda be sent earlier in the day, or day prior in order to avoid missing the request to post.

5/15/25 Deputy Chief Clark email – inquiry from Romeoville Police Department regarding applicant Connor Knight. Commissioner Shanahan stated that the Board needs to respond.

5/15/25 Commissioner Shanahan email – to Secretary Hajduk advising that there were items missing from April 10 minutes and some corrections are needed, revised proposed minutes were attached to the email.

Bills:

CLS Background Investigations - \$910.45 for three (3) background investigations: Jesus Marquez Torres, Aaliyah Nunez, Andrei Rodriguez Rayon. Motion to approve made by Brown, seconded by Valle. Commissioner Shanahan stated that approval sending these candidates to background was not in the April minutes as presented, so the Board cannot approve the expenditure at this meeting. Ayes: Valle and Brown. Nays: Shanahan. Motion carried.

New Applicant Testing:

Garcia failed the POWER test. Brown motioned, Chairman Valle seconded to remove Garcia from the list. Ayes: Valle, Brown, Shanahan. Motion carried.

Knight – passed the polygraph, Chairman Valle called him to check continued interest and ask about the inquiry from Romeoville on him. Knight said he was graduating tomorrow and is interested in coming to Oakbrook Terrace, but did apply at numerous departments. Chairman Valle told him he would call him tomorrow after tonight's meeting. Shanahan asked if we could add a line to our conditional letter of employment asking applicants to sign and return accepting the conditional offer of employment. Shanahan motioned, seconded by Brown to make Conner Knight a conditional offer of employment subject to passing the two medical examinations and asking for signature of acceptance. Ayes: Valle, Brown & Shanahan. Motion carried.

Rodriguez Rayon – Chairman Valle stated he scheduled Rodriguez Rayon for polygraph, on May 28, 2025. Shanahan motioned to approve sending Andrei Rodriguez Rayon to polygraph, seconded by Brown. Ayes: Valle, Brown, Shanahan. Motion carried.

Garza – waiting for complete background from CLS

Cecilio Flores – email received, took job with Cook County Sheriff. Motion by Shanahan to accept his email as withdraw from our list of eligible candidates, seconded by Brown. Ayes: Valle, Brown & Shanahan. Motion carried.

Sklodowski – Texted Chairman Valle on 5/1/25 that he was no longer interested.

Changrachang – Motion by Brown to remove Jason Changrachang for cause, seconded by Valle. Ayes: Valle, Brown & Shanahan. Motion carried.

Marquez Torres – Motion by Shanahan to send Jesus Marquez Torres to polygraph, seconded by Brown. Polygraph scheduled for May 28, 2025. Ayes: Valle, Brown & Shanahan. Motion carried.

Samatas – Motion by Brown to remove John Samatas for cause, seconded by Valle. Ayes: Valle, Brown & Shanahan. Motion carried.

Nunez – Motion by Shanahan to send Aaliyah Nunez to polygraph, seconded by Brown. Polygraph scheduled for May 28, 2025. Ayes: Valle, Brown & Shanahan. Motion carried.

Gonzalez – Motion by Shanahan to send Juan Gonzalez, Jr to full background, seconded by Brown. Ayes: Valle, Brown & Shanahan. Motion carried.

Sergeant Promotion Testing:

Chairman Valle to follow up with Chief Calvello for corrected Merit & Efficiency points.

Lateral Transfer:

Chairman Valle stated as of today five candidates have successfully completed applications. Motion made by Shanahan to move all five candidates to preliminary backgrounds, seconded by Brown. Ayes: Valle, Brown & Shanahan. Motion carried.

Discussion on immediately renewing Blueline ad if these five candidates do not meet our requirements.

Discussion held on possibly doing oral interviews in house. Discussion on updating Rules & Regulations to allow for a possible rolling lateral list. Chairman Valle said to get cost before proceeding. Shanahan to contact association attorney for cost. Commissioner Brown suggested reviewing current Rules & Regulations for any other changes that may be needed. Motion to spend up to \$1,000 to amend Rules & Regulations to allow for a rolling lateral list made by Valle, seconded by Brown. Ayes: Valle, Brown & Shanahan. Motion carried.

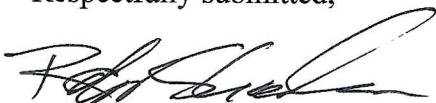
New Business:

Slate of Officers – Brown motioned to table until next meeting, Valle seconded. Ayes: Valle, Brown, Shanahan. Motion carried.

Executive Session – Not held

Motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. made by Shanahan, seconded by Brown. Ayes: Valle, Brown, & Shanahan. Meeting adjourned until regular meeting Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Commissioner Shanahan