

Minutes  
May 19, 2025  
at 12:00 pm  
Zoom and  
Commissioner's  
Conference Room,  
Whitman County  
Courthouse

# Civil Service Commission Regular Meeting

Commissioner's Conference Room  
Whitman County, WA

Type of Meeting:

Special Meeting-reschedule from May 26, 2025-Memorial Day  
Holiday.

Present:

Steve Tomson, Michele Beckmann, Rob Rembert, Brett Myers and  
Cheri Kramer.

Absent

Scotty Anderson.

Call to Order

The meeting was opened by Steve Tomson at 11:55 am.

Meeting Minutes

A Motion to approve the minutes, from February 24, 2025, meeting  
was made by Rob Rembert and seconded by Michele Beckmann,  
Motion Passed.

Sheriff Brett Myers  
Update

Sheriff Myers came to discuss the arrangement and status of the  
Promotional Sergeant Oral Board process. Steve asked if there was a  
specific time length each candidate would be spoken to, Brett stated  
that there was no specific time frame. The decision was made that  
each candidate would have a one-hour slot for their Oral Board  
process, 45 minutes for the questioning and 15 minutes for board  
discussion. Brett stated that he will be completely "hands off" during  
this process, and he requested that all application documents be sent  
to Cheri only, through e-mail or physical form.

The question was brought up, if only one person applies, do we still  
have an Oral Board process. The commission decided that, yes, that  
individual would have to follow the standard testing process. Brett  
stated that he would like to have a three-year experience rule for all  
applicants in order to apply for the position.

It was decided that June 12, 2025, would be the date of the Oral  
Board and that all applicants would have to have their application  
packet to Cheri no later than June 6, 2025, by 5:00 pm.

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Old Business	<p>Michele made a motion to move forward with the Promotional Sergeant testing process, Rob seconded. Motion Passed.</p> <p>Brett then gave an update on the status of the department. Many retirements are coming up, as well as several individuals are planning to leave Whitman County. He is working on this process as best he can, trying to get the new hires to the academy as soon as he is able. He believes within the next year he will need 3-5 Deputy's.</p> <p>In addition, Corrections will be losing three of their staff over the next several months. They will need 3-4 officers within the next year.</p> <p>Public Safety Testing's new test process was discussed. It was decided we would take the scores as they are presented, whether the test is the old version, LST, or the new GSI. Whichever, score percentage is highest.</p>
Miscellaneous	<p>Michele moved to adopt this procedure and Rob seconded. Motion Passed.</p> <p>New Lateral Deputy Exam scores were approved, and the new Eligibility List for Lateral Deputy's was signed by Steve. Michele moved for the new list to be officially approved, Rob seconded. Motion Passed.</p>
Adjournment	<p>As there was no additional business to discuss, Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:49 pm, Michele seconded. Motion Passed.</p> <p><b>Next Scheduled Meeting: June 30, 2025, this is a Special Meeting as Cheri is not available for the actual scheduled meeting of June 23, 2025.</b></p>