

**RILEY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
SPECIAL LAW BOARD MEETING
City Commission Meeting Room
1101 Poyntz Avenue
Manhattan, KS
December 16, 2021 5:30 p.m.
Minutes**

Members Present: John Ford
Patricia Hudgins
Linda Morse
BeEtta Stoney (Attended virtually during Executive Session only)
Robert Ward

Absent: Kathryn Focke
Barry Wilkerson

Staff Present: Director Dennis Butler

Recorder: Executive Assistant Nichole Glessner, Riley County Police Department
(RCPD)

I. Establish Quorum: By Chairperson Morse at 5:31 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Butler led the Riley County Law Enforcement Agency (Law Board) in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. General Agenda:

A. Public Comment: Maureen Sheahan, Manhattan resident, addressed the Law Board selection process for the next RCPD director. Sheahan, a member of the Manhattan Coalition for Equal Justice (CEJ), and Fair and Impartial Policing (FIP) Working Group stated that the RCPD has good support throughout the community in large part because of the willingness to build collaborative relationships with citizens' groups. She strongly urged the Board to select a director who will continue to support initiatives such as the FIP Working Group which was formed as a collaboration between the RCPD and CEJ.

The Board thanked Sheahan for her comments.

B. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #17 Comments: None.

C. Board Member Comments: None.

D. Executive Session: At 5:35 p.m. Vice Chairperson Ward moved to recess into Executive Session until 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters with Director Dennis Butler and Law Board Attorney Michael Gillespie present. Member

Hudgins seconded the motion. Chairperson Morse polled the Board and the motion passed with Ford, Hudgins, Morse and Ward voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 4-0.

At 6:35 p.m. the open meeting reconvened. Vice Chairperson Ward moved to recess into Executive Session until 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel matters with Director Dennis Butler and Attorney Michael Gillespie present. Member Ford seconded the motion. Chairperson Morse polled the Board and the motion passed with Ford, Hudgins, Morse and Ward voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 4-0.

At 7:35 p.m. the open meeting reconvened.

E. Director Position: No binding action was taken by the Law Board.

F. Adjournment: Vice Chairperson Ward moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Ford seconded the motion. Chairperson Morse polled the Board and the motion passed with Ford, Hudgins, Morse and Ward voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 4-0. The December 16, 2021 Special Law Board Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.