

**RILEY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
SPECIAL LAW BOARD MEETING
County Commission Chambers
115 N. 4th Street
Manhattan, KS
October 31, 2022 1:00 p.m.
Minutes**

Members Present: Chairperson Linda Morse Vice Chairperson Robert Ward
Secretary Barry Wilkerson (Arrived at 1:02 p.m.)
Member Kathryn Focke Member John Ford
Member Patricia Hudgins Member BeEtta Stoney

Absent:

Staff Present: Interim Director Kurt Moldrup

Recorder: Executive Offices Manager Nichole Glessner, Riley County Police Department (RCPD or Department)

I. Establish Quorum: By Chairperson Morse at 1:00 p.m.

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

III. General Agenda:

A. Public Comment: None.

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

C. Board Member Comments: Chairperson Morse took a moment to express her appreciation to not only members of the Law Board but also the public and Director Screening Committee for their contributions during RCPD Director selection process. She commented that the Law Board relied heavily on the Director Screening Committee who did an outstanding job screening and prioritizing the applications that were received and forwarding a recommendation to the Law Board.

During the week of October 24, 2022, the three finalists for the RCPD director position were in town for two days. Chairperson Morse explained that during that time, the finalists were provided tours of the city and county. In addition, a Public Forum was held at which approximately 60 individuals attended in-person and a number were able to watch utilizing the livestream option. She added that the comments received from the public have been important during the Law Board's deliberation. Chairperson Morse said it is the intent of the Law Board to make a formal announcement at the October 31, 2022 Special Law Board Meeting (today) regarding the selection of the next RCPD Director.

D. Director Search Process: Vice Chairperson Ward moved that the Riley County Law Enforcement Agency, also known as the Law Board, tender an offer to Brian Peete, presently the Chief of Police for the City of Montpelier, Vermont, to become the next Director of the Riley County Police Department. Member Ford seconded the motion.

Member Ford voiced his gratitude to all three final candidates who went through the very rigorous process. Although the Law Board is only selecting one, he felt all three were very qualified candidates. The Law Board deliberated at length and the decision was not an easy one.

Member Focke echoed the comments made by her counterparts and thanked the members of the Law Board for all of their hard work during the process.

Chairperson Morse took the opportunity to inform the public that the current appointments to the Law Board will expire December 31, 2022. The City and County Commissions will soon be making their appointments to the Law Board. She urged those interested in serving on the Law Board to make application through the Riley County or City of Manhattan websites.

Chairperson Morse polled the Board and the motion passed with Focke, Ford, Hudgins, Morse, Stoney, Ward, and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 7-0.

E. Executive Session: It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed.

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 Focke, Ford, Hudgins, Morse, Stoney, Ward, and Wilkerson voting in favor, and no one voting against. The motion passed 7-0. The October 31, 2022 Special Law Board Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.