# FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MONITORING PROGRAM & WHITE PAPER

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### **Data Collected**

- Commissioners present
- Meeting duration
- Number of minutes each Commissioner made questions and/or comments
- Number of overall agenda items
- Number of personnel items discussed
- Number of minutes spent discussing personnel items
- Number of non-personnel items discussed
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- Number of agenda items requiring a vote from Commissioners
- Number of times a Commissioner voted aye
- Number of times a Commissioner voted no
- Number of new or amended Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) presented to Commissioners
- Number of SOPs that are placed on file without comments and/or questions from Commissioners

- Number of SOPs that are administrative in nature
- Number of law enforcement present
- Number of public present
- Number of public comments given
- Number of times public attending virtually speak
- Minutes dedicated to public comment
- Number of times a Commissioner responds to public comment
- Number of times a citizen was interrupted during public comment
- Number of times a Commissioner makes a motion to move to a private session
- Yes/no: Did the meeting address a high profile incident?
- Mentions of race (implicit or explicit)
- Additional comments from the observer



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#### **Meetings at a Glance**

#### **Key Meeting Statistics**



Minutes dedicated to public comment

49

Number of minutes spent discussing personnel items

347

Number of times a Commissioner responds to public comment

3



Number of law enforcement present

27

Number of public present

20

Number of public comments given

10

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Agenda items discussed

234

Number of personnel items discussed

197

Number of SOPs introduced

26



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#### **Agenda Analysis by Items**

**Date Range** 

1/6/2024

4/29/2025

Toggle data by minutes vs agenda items

**Show Minutes** 

268
Minutes spent on non-personnel items in meetings

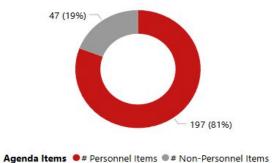
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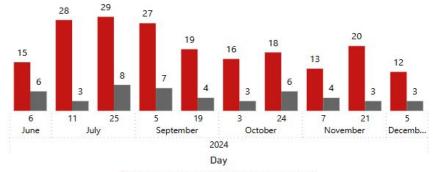
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Number of agenda items discussed 197
Number of
personnel items
discussed

in meetings

Number of nonpersonnel items discussed in meetings





# Personnel Items # Non-Personnel Items

# **Observations**

- 1. During regular sessions observed during our monitoring period, the FPC devoted 81% of their time to personnel matters.
- 2. During regular sessions, there is an overall lack of active engagement and participation from Commissioners.
- 3. The FPC appears to serve as a rubber stamp.
- 4. The FPC has failed to secure public trust.

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## Recommendations

- 1. Amend Wisconsin Act 12 in reference to FPC responsibilities and authority.
- 2. Bring policy change recommendations to the Common Council.
- 3. Prepare and actively participate in all meetings.
- 4. Engage the public.

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