

Select Board

March 12, 2026

Present:

- Select Board: Mr. Bill Ramsey, Chair, Ms. Liz Klein, and Ms. Julie Strehle
- Mr. Tom Mayo, Town Administrator

Call to order:

6:00 PM: Chair Ramsey called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

“This meeting is being held in person and/or remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025 and all other applicable laws temporarily amending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording.”

No one indicated that they were recording the meeting.

Police Sergeant potential appointment (Potential Candidates: Detective Heather Hermida, Officer Benjamin Carr, Officer Daniel Murphy)

Chief Jones highlighted the importance of the sergeant role and recommended Detective Hermida for the promotion, noting her top scores in the assessment process, leadership, investigative skills, and community engagement. He also commended Officers Ben Carr and Dan Murphy for their strong performance and service to the department.

Vote: Ms. Klein made a motion to appoint Heather Hermida as a Permanent Full-Time Police Sergeant for the Town of Hingham. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

Police Lieutenant potential appointment (Potential Candidates: Sergeant Brian Fernandes, Sergeant Phil Tracey, Sergeant Nicholas Smith)

Chief Jones emphasized the importance of the lieutenant role and noted the competitive, structured assessment process. He recommended Sergeant Brian Fernandes for the promotion, citing his leadership, judgment, and dedication to both the department and the community, and commended all candidates for their professionalism and commitment.

Vote: Ms. Strehle made a motion to appoint _____ as a Permanent Full-Time Police Lieutenant for the Town of Hingham. Ms. Klein seconded. All were in favor.

The Select Board commended all applicants, recognizing their dedication, skills, and professionalism.

Ms. Klein made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Strehle seconded. All were in favor.

The Select Board meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Documents:

1. Sergeant Recommendation & Packet
2. Lieutenant Recommendation & Packet