

Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission: Announces three finalists for Milwaukee chief of police

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Milwaukee, WI – The Board of Commissioners of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission (FPC) announced today the top three finalists for the position of Police Chief for the Milwaukee Police Department.

They are Malik Aziz, Chris Davis and Hoyt Mahaley.

Malik Aziz – Dallas Police Major was born and raised in Dallas and is currently the National Chair and Executive Director of the National Black Police Association and an instructor in Criminal Justice Police Leadership at DeSales University. Chris Davis – Deputy Chief for the Portland Police Bureau and former Assistant Chief of operations, where he led three precincts, youth services and traffic divisions. Hoyt Mahaley – FBI Supervisory Special Agent and former Police Officer for Milwaukee Police Department. He also attended Rufus King High School.

“This is one of the most important positions in the City of Milwaukee, and the Board of Commissioners have identified three finalists who are most qualified to lead this critical agency during these pivotal times,” said FPC Executive Director Griselda Aldrete. “Each finalist will participate in a public and rigorous community engagement process, which will be instrumental in the final hiring decision.”

Five of the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Fire and Police Commission initially interviewed six candidates on Monday, October 19, 2020 to begin the process and identify three finalists to recommend for the position, and present to the public for community review. The Board of Commissioners considered years of experience in law enforcement, educational levels, leadership

and management experience, and ability to build and manage collaborations and effective working relationships with diverse community stakeholders as part of their criteria when evaluating all candidates.

The decision to initially engage six candidates in private interviews was voted on by the majority of the Board of Commissioners in order to streamline and best manage a complex process, and to ensure the public would be presented with the most qualified finalists.

The finalists will now participate in further interviews with the Board of Commissioners and community stakeholders in upcoming community forums over the next month, before a new chief of police is announced in December. The FPC welcomes and encourages the public to send communications and questions about the top three finalists to the FPC Offices via the FPC website at <https://city.milwaukee.gov/fpc/Outreach/Public-Comment-Form-> and/or by emailing the general FPC email address at fpc@milwaukee.gov.