

Utility Commission Minutes
November 5, 2025

Noon-Hoffman Estates Police Department-1st Floor Conference Room

Members in Attendance

Joanmarie Wermes, Chair
Tricia O'Brien

Members Absent

Jim Bamberger

Trustee

Anna Newell

Staff Liaison in Attendance

Joseph Nebel

Call to Order

Chairman Joanmarie Wermes called to order the meeting of the Hoffman Estates Utility Commission.

Approval of Minutes – October 22, 2025

A motion to approve minutes was made by Tricia O'Brien and seconded by Joanmarie and accepted. Trustee Anna Newell moved to correct the minutes of Sept. 3, 2025, to show that Jim Bamberger was present and further moved that the minutes be approved. It was seconded by Tricia O'Brien and passed by voice vote.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Staff Liaison Report

Joe Nebel reported that instead of wrapping prizes in gift bags this year, the gift cards will be set into suitable gift containers. He brought the commission's banner and noted that everything will be set up when we arrive at the open house Nov.8. He believes the possible expected snow will not interfere with any part of the festivity, including the pumpkin smash. He also said more hot dogs have been ordered this year because of running out of the dogs last year.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

the group heard that only one school entered this year and there are approximately 20 entries which were judged Oct. 22, 2025 by Tricia and Joanmarie. There are 5 fourth place awards; 3 third; 1 second and 1 first place this year. Two \$50 gift certificates were purchased last year from last year's budget and 8 certificates from the \$350 2025 budget.

The winners are: Stas Zelenick, Anthony Spencer, Nataniel Piechoto, Tyler Perez and Erin Govea, all of whom won \$25; Declan Roach, Ayasha Des Jarfait-Mendez and Victoria Chirinos won \$50; Layla Manjarrez won second at \$75 and the \$100 first place is Ava Thomas.

Joe will give sufficient MopToppers to Joanmarie to present to the whole class. Anna obtained pizza coupons from Steve Carlson, manager of Garibaldi's. Joanmarie will send a thank you to Steve.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Anna and seconded by Tricia to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be on January 14, 2026.

The minutes were composed and submitted by Chairman Joanmarie Wermes.