

# Minutes, 1890-1896

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Seattle (Wash.). Board of Police Commissioners
<b>Title</b>	Minutes
<b>Dates</b>	1890-1896 (inclusive) 1890 1896
<b>Quantity</b>	1 volume
<b>Collection Number</b>	6400-01
<b>Summary</b>	Proceedings of Board of Police Commissioners meetings, 1890-1896.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Seattle Municipal Archives</a> Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 <a href="mailto:archives@seattle.gov">archives@seattle.gov</a>
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<b>Languages</b>	English
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## Historical Note

The City Charter of 1890 created the Board of Police Commissioners, which administered the Police Department. The Board consisted of the mayor and four police commissioners appointed by the mayor; police commissioners served four-year terms. The Board was responsible for appointing (and, when necessary, removing) the Chief of Police and all subordinate officers, as well as making regulations for the governance of the Department and deciding penalties for violation of rules.

Following allegations of corruption, the Commission was abolished by the new Charter of 1896. The Chief of Police, appointed by the mayor, served as administrator of the Department.

## Content Description

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners, 1890-1896, report proceedings of Board meetings. Included are resolutions and policy decisions made by the Board and actions taken in dealing with Police Department employees (including applications for and appointments to positions on the police force, as well as resignations, disciplinary actions, and reinstatements). Also included are reports on investigations of charges or grievances against officers. An alphabetical index at the front of the volume lists the names of persons mentioned in the minutes as well as topics of interest.

# Use of the Collection

## Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Volume		
1	Board of Police Commissioners Minutes	1890-1896

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Police--Dismissal of--Washington (State)--Seattle  
Police--Selection and appointment--Washington (State)--Seattle  
Police--Supervision of--Washington (State)--Seattle  
Police--Washington (State)--Seattle

### Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.). Board of Police Commissioners  
Seattle (Wash.). Police Dept.

### Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)--Politics and government

### Form or Genre Terms :

Minutes

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