Certification and duties response | November 4, 2026

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From: Penny Overstreet, City Clerk Date: November 4, 2026, 1:19 p.m.

Overstreet apologized for the delay and said staff believed earlier requests concerning Schuchardt had already been answered.

The city's response said FDLE Field Representative Garry Kimpel visited the department on June 2, 2026. Police administrators reportedly asked him to verify Schuchardt's eligibility for sworn employment. The city says Kimpel reviewed FDLE's database and verbally advised that her certification would be valid in September and that there were no concerns about swearing her in. The city said no written record exists because the discussion occurred in person.

The city acknowledged that the original swearing-in was completed in error. It said no written rescission document exists because Chief Lance Blanchette and Human Resources Manager Liz Mathis discussed the matter verbally.

The city said Schuchardt's certification would become active on October 18, 2026. It said she retained her compensation but, while the certification was inactive, received no police credentials, wore no police uniform, performed no law-enforcement duties and did not represent herself as a sworn officer. The city said she instead completed training, assisted front-desk staff and performed administrative work.

The city supplied documentation concerning a subsequent swearing-in and considered the request complete and closed.