

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022**

Zoom Meeting:

<https://www.bridgeportct.gov/policecommission>

The meeting was called to order at **6:00 p.m.**

Item #1 **Roll call of Commissioners:**
Cruz, Roach, Farrow, Diaz, and Williams.

Also present: Chief Rebeca Garcia, Lieutenant Manuel Cotto, Sergeant Joel Carley, Sergeant Adam Rozum, and Deputy City Attorney John Bohannon.

Item #2 a. None

b. A moment of silence was observed for retired Detective George R. Pelham who passed away on November 14, 2021.

c. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve item **2c**.

Item #3 **Reports:**

a. **Chief:** Chief Rebeca Garcia presented the following to the board: Twenty-one homicides for 2021 and two homicides for 2022. The detective bureau has solved 80% of the homicides recorded in 2021. The Chief will be issuing a public safety alert regarding the recent increase in Fentanyl overdoses. The Chief recently attended a public safety budget meeting and discussed the need to continue and expand ShotSpotter throughout the entire City. The Chief reported on the great success of Project Wingspan that addressed the issue of juveniles and increased motor vehicle theft in the region. Chief Garcia continues to emphasize the importance of not to leave an unattended car running during the winter months due to the increase in stolen motor vehicles. The Chief will be hosting her DC2 Summit on January 25, 2022, and Commissioners Cruz, Diaz, and Farrow will be attending. Commissioner Diaz will be hosting a community meeting called COPE (fight against the opioid epidemic) on January 29, 2022, and asked Chief Garcia for police participation and support at this meeting.

b. **Union:** None

c. **OIA:** A monthly written report by the OIC of Internal Affairs was submitted to the board.

Executive Session: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to go into executive session to discuss item 5a at **6:15 p.m.**

Public Session: 7:09 p.m.

d. Clerk:

A special meeting is planned for January 27, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. for the annual Pension Plan-B Financial Update.

OIA Case Number 18I-151 and 18I-130 have been rescheduled for March 22, 24, 2022 or March 29, 31, 2022.

Special Reports:

Item #4

New Business:

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve **item 4a.**

On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve Policy and Procedure/General Order: 1.02- Limits of Authority.

Item #5

Old Business:

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the following Commissioners voted to **table item 5a**, Cruz, Farrow, Diaz, and Commissioner Williams voted no.

Item #6

Correspondence: None

Item #7

Letters of Appreciation: None

Item #8

Widow's Pension: None

Item #9

Other Scheduled Matters a:

i, ii, iii: On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioners Diaz, the board unanimously voted to combine and approve **items 9a-i, ii, iii.**

Other Scheduled Matters b:

i: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the board unanimously voted to deny the request of the Traffic Engineer and approve this request for installation **item 9b-i.**

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Diaz seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **7:40 p.m.**

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