

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022**

Zoom Meeting:

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The meeting was called to order at **6:01 p.m.**

Item #1 **Roll call of Commissioners:**

Lyons, Cruz, Roach, Farrow, Diaz, and Williams.

Also present: Chief Rebeca Garcia, Deputy Chief James Baraja, and Lieutenant Manuel Cotto.

Item #2 **a. None**

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

c. A moment of silence was observed for retired Officer Gerald E. Warren who passed away on February 18, 2022.

d. A moment of silence was observed for retired Officer Arthur L. DeLally, Jr. who passed away on March 6, 2022.

Item #3 **Reports:**

a. Chief: Chief Rebeca Garcia presented the following to the board: Commissioner Diaz recently attended the Firearms Simulator training at the academy. The recruit class will graduate in July/August of 2022. The Chief emphasized to the board that due to the shortage of police officers in the department, she will take measures to ensure public safety is not compromised. The Chief recently promoted 5 police officers to the rank of detective. Operation Wingspan will continue with additional funding from the State. Commissioner Cruz requested to attend Firearms Simulator training and expressed concern regarding the low number of entry level police officer applicants.

b. Union: None

Executive Session:

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

d. Clerk:

a. Barros hearings are scheduled for March 22, and March 24, 2022, for OIA Case Number: 18I-151 and 18I-130.

b. Notification of OIA Case Number: 17I-047

c. Notification of OIA Case Number: 17I-061

d. Notification of OIA Case Number: 20I-042

Special Reports: None

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Item #4 **New Business:**

On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the board unanimously voted to go in executive session at **6:16 p.m.** to discuss personnel matters.

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board requested an opinion letter from the City Attorney regarding a matter concerning Connecticut General Statute: 7-281a, 53a-251, and 53a-252-256.

Public Session: 7:16 p.m.

Item #5 **Old Business:** None

Item #6 **Correspondence:** None

Item #7 **Letters of Appreciation:** None

Item #8 **Widow's Pension:**

Addendum Item 8a: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the board unanimously to approve item 8a.

Item #9 **Other Scheduled Matters a:**

i, ii: On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to combine and approve **items 9a-i, ii.**

Other Scheduled Matters b:

i, ii, iii, iv, and v: On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to combine and table **items 9b: i, ii, iii, iv, and v.**

Adjournment: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **7:21p.m.**

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