

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020
CITY HALL ANNEX
999 BROAD STREET
CONFERENCE ROOM-A & B
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT**

The meeting was called to order at **6:08 p.m.**

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

Lyons, Cruz, Roach, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz. **Also present:** Chief Armando J. Perez, Lieutenant Santiago Llanos, Lieutenant Manuel Cotto, Associate City Attorney Richard Kascak, Labor Relations Director Eric Amado, Attorney Robert Murray, Ms. MaryAnn Provey, Mr. Monroe Hassell, and Mr. Victor Jones.

Item #2 a. The pledge of allegiance was observed.

b, c, d, e, f: On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to combine and approve the minutes listed as item **2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, and 2f.**

The board suspended the rules and on a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to place Eric Amado-Labor Relations Director on the agenda to introduce the new Labor Relations Attorney, Robert Murray. Attorney Murray will be representing the BOPC on discipline matters.

Item #3 **Reports:**

a. **Chief:** Chief Armando J. Perez presented the following to the board: A meeting was held on February 18, 2020 with Mayor Gamin and local Mayors from New Haven, Waterbury, and Hartford to discuss the issue of gun violence. A plan is being put in place that would allow local police departments, DEA, FBI, and State Police to form a task force to address the gun violence issue. A regional task force was formed in December of 2019 to address auto theft and 100 autos have been recovered since the start of the task force. Several firearms have been recovered from stolen/recovered vehicles. Three homicides since January 1, 2020, all are being thoroughly investigated by the Detective Bureau. Commissioner Diaz asked Chief Perez if he could be part of the Regional Task Force. Chief Perez indicated that he would making assignment changes in the department. The Chief also stated that Chief Garcia is doing extremely well in her new position as Assistant Chief. The Commission asked Chief Perez for an update and copy of the weekly overtime report.

b. **Union:** No report given.

Executive Session: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to go into executive session at **6:35 p.m.** Items discussed were pending investigations and Attorney Kascak updated the board on item **5b.**

c. **OIA:** Noted

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c. **Clerk:** Board updated with respect to upcoming meetings.

d. **Special Reports:** None

Item #4

New Businesses:

a. Councilmember Eneida Martinez was not in attendance and her request to address the board will be placed on the agenda for the March 17, 2020 regular meeting.

Item #5

Old Business:

a. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve as amended, **Policy Section 7 and 8.** On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve the updated and amended **Policy, Standards of Conduct.** On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to combine and approve the following **Policies: 3.06, 1.05, 3.01, 3.05, 3.10, 5.05, 4.01, 5.06, and 5.27.** **Policy Section 9 and 10** would be distributed to the board at the next or following monthly board meeting.

b. Attorney Kascak discussed this item in executive session.

**Note-Attorney Kascak reported to the board that he or Deputy City Attorney John Bohannon would attend all regular monthly police commission meetings.

c. Ms. MaryAnn Provey and Mr. Monroe Hassell addressed the board regarding the installation of “One-Way” signs that were approved back in September 2019 and have not been installed by Public Facilities. Ms. Provey and Mr. Hassell also asked the status of existing traffic requests sent to the Traffic Engineer on February 26, 2019: **“No Entry Sign”- Albert Square, “No Parking Here to Corner or Yellow Striping” at all intersections in Seaside Village, “Two-Way Stop” at the intersection of Burnham Street and Flanders Street and a resubmittal of the traffic request regarding the “One-Way Conversion” of Alsace Street from Burnham Street to Flanders Street.** Lt. O’Donnell will follow-up with an email to Public Facilities regarding when the installation of the One-Way signs that have been approved since September 2019 will occur and will also follow-up with the Traffic Engineer regarding the existing requests.

d. Mr. Victor Jones Jr. addressed the board again regarding the public to attend weekly CompStat meetings with the Chief and his command staff. The board directed Lt. O'Donnell to send an email to Chief Perez asking his thoughts on this issue and to provide the board with alternative options. The board informed Mr. Jones that the Chief's office is not equipped to have public forum meetings and an alternative site would have to be researched. The board also discussed the possibility of having a public comment time during regular board meetings where the public would be allowed to ask Chief Perez and the board questions related to crime statistics in Bridgeport. The board asked Mr. Jones what type of information he is looking for and he stated percentage of shootings in specific neighborhoods, burglaries, etc.

Item #6 **Correspondence: None**

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

Item #8 **Widow's Pension: None**

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

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

Other Scheduled Matters b: None

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **8:36 p.m.**

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