

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

**Zoom Meeting:**

<https://bit.ly/3s8k4Vh>

The meeting was called to order at **6:20 p.m.**

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

**Also present:** Chief Rebeca Garcia, Councilwomen Mary McBride-Lee, and Mr. Jeffrey Fletcher.

Item #2      a. None

b. A moment of silence was observed for retired Captain Richard Cummings, Jr who passed away on March 12, 2022.

c. A moment of silence was observed for retired Officer Charles Sekelsky who passed away on April 20, 2022.

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

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

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

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

h. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve time **2h**.

Item #3      **Reports:**

a. **Chief:** Chief Rebeca Garcia presented the following to the board: A decrease in overall crime in the city and currently there have been seven homicides. Recruit Class 43 will graduate the end of July and a new class will begin sometime during the summer of 2022, followed by a recruitment effort and entry level police officer exam. Three new firearm instructors just completed training. The Chief is preparing for summer events in the city. A new ordinance prohibiting gas station owners from selling gas to ATV riders will go into effect on June 13, 2022. Commissioner Diaz, Williams, and Farrow expressed serious concerns to the Chief regarding the details and fairness of this ordinance and its impact on citizens.

b. **Union:** None

**Executive Session:**

- c. **OIA:** A monthly report by the OIC of Internal Affairs was submitted to the board.
- d. **Clerk:**
  - a. Notification of a request for a Second-Step Barros Hearing for OIA Case Number: 21I-124 and 20I-005.

**Special Reports:** None

Item #4

**New Business:**

- a. This request/item was cancelled by Ms. Eneida Martinez, and Dr. Ralph Ford and will be placed on the agenda for the next BOPC scheduled for June 21, 2022.
- b. Mr. Jeffrey Fletcher, President, African American Collections, Inc, and owner of The Ruby & Calvin Fletcher African American History Museum, and Councilwomen Mary McBride-Lee addressed the board regarding the planning of curriculum for POSTC training classes for recruits and current police officers.
- c. Mr. Ronald Mackey and Ms. Madeline Gathers reported to the department clerk that the two handicapped parking signs approved for installation at their residence in December of 2021 were installed by Public Facilities on May 13, 2022.
- d. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Williams the board went into executive session at **7:40 p.m.** to discuss a personnel matter.

**Public Session: 8:28 p.m.** On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Diaz the board unanimously voted to have the department clerk send a follow-up email to the City Attorney requesting an opinion on this matter. The department clerk will also send an email to the Bridgeport Guardians Incorporated stating that they are addressing their request.

Item #5

**Old Business:** None

Item #6

**Correspondence:** None

Item #7

**Letters of Appreciation:** Noted

Item #8

**Widow's Pension:** None

Item #9

**Other Scheduled Matters a:**

i: Noted

ii: On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Diaz the board request pictures of the driveway, liftgate, and vehicle in question.

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**Other Scheduled Matters b:**

**i, ii, iii, iv, and v:** On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to combine and approve the recommendation of the traffic engineer and deny **items 9b: i, ii, iii, iv, and v.**

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **8:30 p.m.**

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