

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

**Zoom Meeting:**

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

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

Item #1

**Roll call of Commissioners:**

Lyons, Roach, Cuminotto, Diaz, and Farrow. **Also present:** Acting Chief Rebeca Garcia, Sergeant Bradford Seely, Sergeant Joel Carley, and Sergeant Adam Rozum.

Item #2

**a. None**

**b. On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to approve the minutes listed as item **2b.****

**c. On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to approve the minutes listed as **2c.****

Item #3

**Reports:**

**a. Chief:** Acting Chief Rebeca Garcia presented the following to the board: The department continues to work with the Task Force regarding strategic enforcement focusing on hotspots. A/Chief Garcia is committed to re-establishing a relationship with the community and is working closely with Project Longevity. A/Chief indicated she has walked in many communities including PTB and the east end and will continue this practice of meeting with community members throughout the City. A new academy class of 16 police recruits started on September 14, 2020. The department is starting a recruitment program. The results from the recent detective exam has been published. A/Chief Garcia continues to work closely with the health department. Commissioner Roach commented on the great job A-Shift personnel did with an event that involved a large crowd in the downtown area this past weekend. A/Chief Garcia reports the department has started a focus group with officers. A/Chief Garcia reports that she would like to have an event with the BOPC and department members to recognize the good work of police officers. Commissioner Lyons asked A/Chief Garcia if enforcement of quality of life issues will continue in the North End and the issues surrounding SHU. A/Chief Garcia stated that enforcement will continue in this area and she will monitor this situation very closely with patrol command staff and SHU public safety director Gary McNamara. A/Chief Garcia also indicated the re-instatement of the Telephone Response Unit (TRU). Commissioner Farrow asked A/Chief Garcia what is being done to deal with the issue of Perez and can community members attend future CompStat meetings. This request was presented to the police commissioner by a community member several months ago.

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A/Chief Garcia responded that she is working with the community to build bridges and emphasized the work of Community Services, Project Longevity and re-establishing work with Child Guidance in providing information to the community. The entire BOPC congratulated A/Chief Garcia on her recent appointment to Chief of Police.

b. **Union**: Sergeant Seely presented the following to the board: Sergeant Seely thanked the BOPC for their dedication, commitment, and time in hearing OIA Case 17I-200.

**Executive Session**: None

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

**Public Session**:

d. **Clerk**:

a. A Barros hearing is scheduled for OIA Case Number 17I-200 on 09-17-2020.

b. A Second-Step Barros hearing is scheduled for 09-22-2020.

**Special Reports**: None

Item #4 **New Businesses**: None

Item #5 **Old Business**: None

Item #6 **Correspondence**: Addendum approved and added. Item noted.

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

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

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

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

**a-iv**: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to approve item **9a-iv**.

**a-v**: On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve item **9a-v**.

**a-vi**: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to approve item **9a-vi**.

**Other Scheduled Matters b:**

**b-i-ii:** On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to uphold the recommendations of the traffic engineer and deny items **9b-i-ii**.

**b-iii:** On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to uphold the recommendation of the traffic engineer and deny item **9b-iii**.

**b-iv:** On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the board unanimously voted to uphold the recommendation of the traffic engineer and deny item **9b-iv**.

**On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to suspend the rules and place the following on the agenda for discussion: The installation of a “Multi-Way Stop” sign recently approved by the BOPC at Barnum Avenue and Hallett Street. Commissioner Roach will follow-up with Emilio Fernandes from Public Facilities/Lines and Signs regarding the installation of this sign.**

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **6:55 p.m.**

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