

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021
Zoom Meeting:
<https://www.bridgetportct.gov/policecommission>**

The meeting was called to order at **6:02 p.m.**

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

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

Also present: Chief Rebeca Garcia, Lieutenant Manuel Cotto, Sergeant Brad Seely, Sergeant Joel Carley, and Sergeant Adam Rozum.

Item #2 a. None

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

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

Item #3 **Reports:**

a. ***Chief:*** Chief Rebeca Garcia presented the following to the board: Project Wingspan is a regional police task force that addresses juvenile crime and has recently recovered several stolen motor vehicles, firearm seizures, adult, and juvenile arrests. The Bridgeport police department has received \$195,000.00 grant for this project and some of the funds focus on public service announcements regarding juvenile crime and public safety. The task force recently conducted a 3-month investigation that resulted in 12 warrant arrests, and the removal of drugs, firearms, and motor vehicle seizures. Bullard Havens Technical High School is starting a Criminal Justice Program and Chief Garcia recently met with a teacher from BHT who is spearheading this effort. Bullard Havens Technical HS is asking the Bridgeport police department to participate in this program. Chief Garcia is very enthusiastic about this program and will provide BPD staff to support this new educational program. Chief Garcia meet's every Thursday with Project Longevity to discuss adult and juvenile outreach with parents and juvenile court and probation. A new State pilot program recently started in Bridgeport called "FED-UP" addresses juvenile issues with students in the middle school age range. This program offers school counseling support to students in need. Bridgeport is a model for this program, and it will soon expand to New Haven and Hartford. State OPM issued a \$75,000.00 grant to Bridgeport Project Longevity for 2022-2023. The Amphitheater will have a festival of lights display this holiday season. The department will have a turkey donation for Thanksgiving. A police recruit class is scheduled to begin on December 20, 2021. The Chief's DC-2 conference is scheduled in January 2022 and Commissioner Cruz has been invited to attend. A memorial honoring Gerald T. DiJoseph will take place on November 28, 2021. The Chief indicated that the Bridgeport police department is dedicated to working with the citizens of Bridgeport to improve

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better relationships between the police department and community. The Chief is reinitiating and rebranding the Explorer's Program.

b. Union: Sergeant Seely requested to go into executive session with the board. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel and discipline matter with Sergeant Seely at **6:23 p.m.**

Public Session: 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session: None

c. OIA: None

Public Session:

d. Clerk: Barros hearings scheduled for January 11 and 13, 2022.

Special Reports:

Item #4

New Business:

a. Chief Garcia requested to go into executive session with the board. The board went into executive session at **7:15 p.m.**

Public Session: 8:01 p.m.

4a. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the following board members voted to table **item 4a**, Lyons, Diaz, Williams, Farrow, and Cuminotto. Commissioner Cruz voted no to table this item.

Item #5

Old Business: None

Item #6

Correspondence: None

Item #7

Letters of Appreciation:

a. Noted

Item #8

Widow's Pension: None

Item #9

Other Scheduled Matters a:

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

Other Scheduled Matters b:

i, ii, iv, v: On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to combine and approve the recommendation of the Traffic Engineer and deny **item 9b-i, ii, iv, v.**

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iii: On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the board unanimously voted to table **item 4b-iii.**

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Diaz seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **8:18 p.m.**

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