

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021**

Zoom Meeting:

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

The meeting was called to order at **6:03 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 Joel Carley, Sergeant Adam Rozum, and Councilmember Rosalina Roman-Christy.

Item #2 **a. None**

b. A moment of silence was observed for retired Officer Dean Bardinelli who passed away on November 14, 2021

c. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, 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 seized several firearms and assisted in locating a homicide suspect. The grant money for this task force will be concluding soon. A small recruit class will be in place at the academy by next week and a new police officer recruitment effort will begin shortly. The Chief will be hosting DC-2 training in January 2022. Commissioner Diaz and Cruz will be attending, and Commissioner Farrow expressed interest in attending this class. The class is taught by Quintan Williams and the training focuses on building bridges between the community and police officers. The Kronos roster/timekeeping system is not working, and the department has shifted back to manual application of rosters and timekeeping. Kronos is addressing the issue to bring it back online. The Chief will be promoting eight sergeants to the rank of lieutenant and presenting several departmental awards to officers on Thursday, December 23, 2021. The Chief will advise the board of the time and location of the ceremony. The MILO firearms training simulator is being utilized and the Chief invited all the commissioners to view the training as well as other training classes at the police academy. The Commissioners asked Chief Garcia for a list of training classes and Commissioner Roach directed Lt. O'Donnell to send them a list of scheduled classes. The Chief also suggested that the commissioners send her a list of classes they would like to attend. The department is in the process of tier two POSTC accreditation. The Chief is in the process of establishing a policy to have social workers utilized within the department. Extra patrol details will be in place over the weekend to address an increase in criminal activity. The Chief will be participating in an awards ceremony for youths involved in the FED-UP program on Wednesday and Thursday and a second grant is in place for the Park City Community Partnership program. Commissioner Cruz asked the Chief about the success of the Shot

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Spotter Program and Commissioner Farrow asked to attend training academy classes. Chief Garcia indicated to the commissioners that ShotSpotter is very successful in the detection and notification of shots fired within certain regions of the City of Bridgeport and that she would like to expand this program to have ShotSpotter cover more areas.

b. Union: None

Public Session:

Executive Session: None

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

Public Session:

- d. Clerk:** Two Barros hearings are scheduled for January 11, and 13, 2022. A Pension Plan-B financial update meeting with Michael Brewi and Chris Gachi will be scheduled for late January or early February 2022.

Special Reports:

Item #4

New Business:

- a.** On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve **item 4a.**
- b.** On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the unanimously voted to approve **item 4b.**

Commissioner Roach and Farrow will follow-up with the City Attorney's office to discuss changes to General Order/Policy and Procedure: 2.01- Organizational Structure and will have a decision next month.

- c.** Councilmember Rosalina Roman-Christy addressed the board regarding the installation of a "LED Stop" sign at Reservoir Avenue (southbound direction) and Yaremich Drive and City View Avenue.

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

viii: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto the board unanimously voted to uphold the recommendation of the City Engineer's office and deny **item 9a-viii.**

Addendum item x: On a motion by Commissioners Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the board unanimously voted to approve **addendum item 9a-x.**

Other Scheduled Matters b:

i: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to table **item 9b-i.**

ii: On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to uphold the recommendation of the City Engineer and deny **item-9b-ii.**

iii: On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to uphold the recommendation of the City Engineer and deny **item 9b-iii.**

iv. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to uphold the recommendation of the City Engineer and deny **item 9b-iv.**

v: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to deny the recommendation of the City Engineer and **approve item 9b-v with the following change to the original request, the installation of a "SLOW" sign at Primrose Avenue and Marconi Avenue.**

vi: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the board unanimously voted to deny the recommendation of the City Engineer and **approve the installation of one (1) "LED STOP" sign SOUTHBOUND at Reservoir Avenue and Yaremich Drive and City View Avenue.**

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Diaz seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **7:19 p.m.**

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