

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019
CITY HALL ANNEX
999 BROAD STREET
CONFERENCE ROOM-A&B
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT**

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m.

Present were Commissioners: Cruz, Quarles, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz.

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

Present were Commissioners: Cruz, Quarles, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz. Also present: Lieutenant Brian Dickerson, Sergeant Santiago Llanos, Sergeant Jesse Pizarro, Lieutenant Manuel Cotto, Deputy City Attorney John Bohannon, Attorney Bob Mitchell, Assistant City Attorney Tamara Titre, Council President Aidee Nieves, Councilmember Maria Valle, Councilmember Rosalina Roman-Christy, Councilmember Mary Lee, Stephen Nelson, Dr. Dennis Williams, Cristina Sandolo, Eleanor Angerame, Dr. Dennis Williams, Ms. Carlene McDowell, Mrs. Judith Edwards, Mr. Brian Rodgerson, Reverend Manuel Garcia, and Ms. Arlene Parks.

Item #2

- a. The pledge of allegiance was observed.
- b. A moment of silence was observed for retired Officer John C. Meekins who passed away on December 17, 2018.
- c. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to approve the minutes listed as item 2c.

Item #3

Reports:

- a. **Chief:** Chief Armando J. Perez was unable to attend, Lt. Manuel Cotto presented the following to the board: The Chief is preparing the 2018-End of Year Report for the Common Council and will provide a copy to the Commissioners at the next board meeting, Planning for a Police Academy Recruit class in March, Project Longevity is working with juveniles and is the first pilot program in the nation to address juveniles under the project longevity umbrella, first homicide of the year on 01-14-2018 and the detectives are close to solving.
- b. **Union:** Sergeant Charles Paris was unable to attend, Lt. Nancy O'Donnell presented the following to the board: the union is still in contract negotiations with the city, Office Ricardo Lopez is retiring on Friday, January 18, 2019 after 25+ years of service and current department strength is at 385.

Executive Session: The board went into executive session to have a discussion with the Office of Internal Affairs regarding pending investigations.

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Executive Session: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto the board unanimously voted to go into executive session at **6:53 p.m.**

Public Session: 7:48 p.m.

- c. **OIA:** Noted
- d. **Clerk:** Board updated with respect to upcoming meetings:
Special Board Meetings planned for: January 22, and 29, 2019.
- e. **Special Reports:** Deputy City Attorney John Bohannon discussed with the board OIA Case Number 17I-200 and introduced Attorney Bob Mitchell, who will be representing the city and the board with this case.

Item #4

New Businesses:

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Quarles, the board unanimously voted to approve Policy and Procedure General Order: **5.04, 5.05, and 5.06.**

Item #5

Old Business:

- a. Councilmember Rosalina-Roman Christy addressed the board regarding Yaremich Drive and presented documentation for the record.
- b. Mr. Stephen Nelson, President of Second Stone Ridge Co-Op addressed the board regarding Yaremich Drive.
- c. Mr. Keith Laws addressed the board regarding Yaremich Drive.
- d. Ms. Eleanor Angerame, Manager of Green Village Initiative addressed the board regarding Yaremich Drive and presented documentation for the record.
- e. Dr. Dennis Williams addressed the board regarding Yaremich Drive and presented documentation for the record.
- f. Ms. Carlene McDowell addressed the board regarding Yaremich Drive.
- g. Ms. Judith Edwards, President-Reservoir NRZ addressed the board regarding Yaremich Drive and presented documentation for the record.
- h. Mr. Brian Rodgeron addressed the board regarding Yaremich Drive.
- i. Reverend Manuel Garcia, Vice President of Third Stone Ridge Co-op addressed the board regarding Yaremich Drive.
- j. Ms. Arlene Parks addressed the board regarding Yaremich Drive and presented documentation for the record.
- k. Ms. Deirdre Parks did not address the board regarding Yaremich Drive.

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Item #6 **Correspondence: None**

Item #7 **Letters of Appreciation:**
 a. Noted

Item #8 **Widow's Pension (Plan A):**
 a: On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Diaz the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Eliza M. Williams-Meekins to receive a widow's pension (Plan A), effective immediately.

Item #9 **Other Scheduled Matters a:**
 a-i: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to table this matter until the next meeting in February 2019.

Other Scheduled Matters b:
b-i: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to uphold the findings of the City Traffic Engineer and **deny this request**

b-ii and iii: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to table these matters until the next meeting in February 2019.

Addendum:
9a ii: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Quarles, the board unanimously voted to table this matter until next meeting in February 2019.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **10:32 p.m.**

**BOARD RECONVENUES AS THE TRUSTEE OF THE POLICE RELIEF FUND
"PLAN A"**

Time: 10:33 p.m.

Roll call of the Officers for the Pension "A" Member:

Cruz, Quarles, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz.

1: On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Eliza M. Williams-Meekins to receive a widow's pension (Plan A), effective immediately.

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Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn **10:45 p.m.**

NO