

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019  
CITY HALL ANNEX  
999 BROAD STREET  
CONFERENCE ROOM-A&B  
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

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

Present were Commissioners: Lyons, Cruz, Quarles, Roach, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz. Also present: Sergeant Santiago Llanos, Sergeant Milton Johnson, Lieutenant Manuel Cotto, Christopher Gachi, Councilmember Karen Jackson, Councilmember Nessah Smith, Councilmember Rosalina Roman-Christy, Mr. Monroe Hassell, Mr. Steven Auerbach, Attorney Diane M. Lord, Dr. Dennis Williams, and Reverend Manuel Garcia.

Item #2

- a. The pledge of allegiance was observed.
- b. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve the minutes listed as item **2b**.
- c. On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve the minutes listed as item **2c**.
- d. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to approve the minutes listed as item **2d**.

Item #3

**Reports:**

- a. **Chief:** Chief Armando J. Perez was unable to attend, Lt. Manuel Cotto presented the following to the board: Lonnie Blackwell promoted to Captain on 02-13-2019, Civil Service Commission was unable to certify sergeants list due to a lack of a quorum at the February meeting and Chief Perez submitted the 2019-2020 Budget.
- 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 and plans to meet again on March 26, 2019.

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

**Executive Session:** On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons the board unanimously voted to go into executive session at **6:40 p.m.**

**Public Session: 6:58 p.m.**

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- c. **OIA:** Noted
- d. **Clerk:** Board updated with respect to upcoming meetings.

**Special Reports:** Chris Gachi from UBS financial, addressed the board regarding the hiring of First State Trust Company, a tax accounting firm, for Pension Plan B members. Mr. Gachi will report back to the board in March regarding a fee schedule.

Item #4

**New Business:**

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve Policy and Procedure General Order: **6.16, 6.07, 6.09, 8.01, and 8.02. General Order: 8.01-will be changed to Selection Process and 8.02-will be changed to Recruitment Process.**
- b. Council President Aidee Nieves and Councilmember Maria Valle were unable to attend the meeting due to a Common Council they were attending.
- c. Councilmember Karen Jackson addressed the board regarding several parking and quality of life issues in the 138<sup>th</sup> district. Lieutenant O'Donnell will provide the East Side Commander of Patrol contact information to Councilmember Jackson for further resolution of the issues presented.
- d. Councilmember Nessah Smith addressed the board regarding several issues in the 138<sup>th</sup> district. The issue of repairing vehicles will be forwarded to Zoning and follow-up by the East Side Patrol Commander.
- e. Mr. Monroe Hassell-Vice President of Seaside Village Homes Co-op Board addressed the board regarding the serious parking issues within the complex. Mr Hassell is requesting the conversion of the following streets to a one-way conversion with parking on both sides to ease the parking issue: Cole Street, Sims Street, and Alsace Street. Lieutenant O'Donnell will follow-up with the Traffic Engineer regarding this matter.

Item #5

**Old Business:**

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, three board members voted to approve and three board members voted not approve item **5a**. Chairperson Daniel Roach broke the tie and voted to approve **item 5a**.
- b. Attorney Diane M. Lord discussed the issue of the reconversion of Yaremich Drive back to a two-way operation.
- c. Dr. Dennis Williams discussed the issue of the reconversion of Yaremich Drive back to a two-way operation.

d. Reverend Manuel Garcia discussed the issue of the reconversion of Yaremich Drive back to a two-way operation.

Item #6        **Correspondence: None**

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

Item #8        **Widow's Pension (Plan A): None**

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

**a-i:** Removed from the agenda.

**a-ii:** On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the City Traffic Engineer and reconvert Yaremich Drive back to a two-way street.

**Other Scheduled Matters b:**

**b-i:** On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to **deny the recommendation** of the City Traffic Engineer and **approve this request.**

**b-ii:** On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to table this matter and refer back to the Traffic Engineer for a recommendation and study.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **9:25 p.m.**

NO