

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

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

Present were Commissioners: Cruz, Quarles, Roach, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz. Also present: Chief Armando J. Perez, Lieutenant Manuel Cotto, Sergeant Charles Paris, Deputy City Attorney John Bohannon, Labor Relations Director Janene Hawkins, Ms. Lisa Pettway, and Ms. Callie Heilmann.

Item #2

- a. The pledge of allegiance was observed.
- b. A moment of silence was observed for Sergeant Mark D. Belinkie who passed away on March 2, 2019.
- c. A moment of silence was observed for retired Lieutenant George H. Sedgwick who passed away on February 13, 2019.
- d. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve the minutes listed as item 2d.

Item #3

Reports:

- a. **Chief:** Chief Armando J. Perez presented the following to the board: several firearms were taken off the streets recently and the Bridgeport PD continues to work with ATF, an additional fifteen officers have been assigned to various locations on the East side/end, seven homicides have occurred since January 2019, four arrests have been made and three remain outstanding/pending investigations, the department continues to mourn the loss of Sergeant Mark Belinkie who passed away on March 2, 2019, the department continues to provide support to all department members and the Chief has attended several roll-calls to speak to officers, Connecticut State Police will be assisting Bridgeport PD with walking posts in strategic locations in the City, and the Chief submitted a preliminary copy of the 2018 Bridgeport Police Department Annual Report which was distributed to the board and a final copy will be available to the public by April.
- b. **Union:** Sergeant Charles Paris presented the following to the board: the passing of Sergeant Mark Belinkie, still in contract negotiations with the City with planned meetings for March 26 and April 9, 2019, sergeants list has been certified by Civil Service, two new members elected to the E-board- Douglas Bepko and Cyndy Dolyak and Easter Village planned for April. Sergeant

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Paris submitted an addendum dated March 15, 2019-a letter to City Attorney Christopher Meyer regarding OIA Case Number: 17I-200

Executive Session: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded Commissioner Cruz to the board unanimously voted to go into executive session at **6:59 p.m.** to discuss pending investigations. Deputy City Attorney John Bohannon and Labor Relations Director Janene Hawkins were in attendance for the executive session

Public Session: 7:57 p.m.

- c. **OIA:** None
- d. **Clerk:** Board updated with respect to upcoming meetings:
Special Board Meetings planned for: April 4, 2019-OIA Case Number 17I-200.
- e. **Special Reports:** None

Item #4

New Businesses:

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

Item #5

Old Business:

- a. Ms. Lisa Pettway addressed the board regarding a handicapped parking sign at 9 Cottage Place. The board unanimously voted to place this item on the agenda and denied the recommendation of the traffic engineer and approved the installation of a handicapped parking sign at 9 Cottage Place.
- b. A member of Bridgeport Generation Now addressed the board and provided a written statement "Let's Build A Safe City"-Official Statement on Internal Affairs Report Dated March 8, 2019 and a document concerning "Civics 101 Workshop".
- c. Ms. Doreen Kearney addressed the board regarding the status of a case involving Arron Kearney. Commissioner Roach stated that he would follow-up with Lieutenant O'Donnell regarding this matter.

Item #6

Correspondence: None

Item #7

Letters of Appreciation: None

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 Eileen P. Sedgwick to receive a widow's pension (Plan A), effective immediately.

Item #9

Other Scheduled Matters a:

a-i, ii, iii, iv and v: On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the City Traffic Engineer for **items 9a-i, ii, iii, iv, and v.**

Other Scheduled Matters b:

b-i and ii: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to **deny the recommendation of City Traffic Engineer and approve the installation of the handicapped parking signs for item 9b-i and ii.**

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **8:24 p.m.**

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

Time: 8:26 p.m.

Roll call of the Officers for the Pension “A” Member:

Cruz, Quarles, Roach, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz.

1: On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Eileen P. Sedgwick to receive a widow’s pension (Plan A), effective immediately.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn **8:27 p.m.**

NO