

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

Item #1 Roll call of Commissioners:

Present were Commissioners: Lyons, Roach, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz. Also present: D.C. James Baraja, retired Chief Joseph L. Gaudett, Jr., Lieutenant Brian Dickerson, Sergeant Charles Paris, Attorney Richard Kascak, and Callie Heilmann.

Item #2 Minutes of Prior Meetings:

a, b, c, and d: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes listed as item **a, b, c, and d.**

Item #3 Reports:

- a. **Chief:** The Chief was unable to attend the meeting but a written report by the Chief was given to the board.

- b. **Union:** Union President Sergeant Charles Paris presented the following to the board: Negotiations continue with the City regarding the State health insurance plan, attended a Council 4 convention in April, and met with Labor Relations regarding worker compensation issues.

Executive Session: On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board voted unanimously to go into executive session at **6:51 p.m.**

Public Session: 7:20 P.M.

- c. **OIA:** Noted

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

- e. **Special Reports:** None

Item #4 **New Businesses:**

a. Scott Appleby, Emergency Management Director was unable to attend the meeting, retired Chief Joseph L. Gaudett, Jr. and Deputy Chief James Baraja updated the board on several matters concerning response times issues

Item #5 **Old Business:**

a. Ms. Callie Heilmann, President-Bridgeport Generation Now addressed the board regarding several items presented in a handout (refer to addendum 04/17/2018).

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Item#6 Letters of Recommendation: Noted

Item #7 Pension Plan B Retirements:

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Judd Lezotte to receive a pension (Plan B), effective immediately.

Item #8 Other Scheduled Matters a:

- a. i: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to **approve** the recommendation of the Traffic Engineer

Other Scheduled Matters b:

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

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **8:04 P.M.**

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

Time: 8:05 P.M.

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

Lyons, 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 Judd Lezotte to receive a pension (Plan B), effective immediately.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **8:06 P.M.**

NO

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Addendum



Questions for the Bridgeport Police Commission

Dated Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

Delivered to the April Police Commission Meeting

999 Broad Street, Margaret Morton Government Center, Bridgeport CT.

1. According to our research, the Police Commission does not have its own governing bylaws. How do you understand your roles and responsibilities? How do you elect a Chair? Is writing bylaws work the Commission is going to do?
2. How do you deal with conflicts of interest as a commission - namely that the Chairperson Roach also works for the Mayor's Administration? Will the Chair recuse himself from the National Search process, as that is an initiative coming out of the Executive Branch?
3. Four of you were re-appointed in December. Does the re-appointment process require Commissioners to go before the Miscellaneous Matters committee and the Ethics Commission? If yes, have you done that or are planning to do that?
4. Regarding the National Search:
 - a. Who hired the consultant?
 - b. Was there an RFP/RFQ that went out for the consultant on the Police Chief Search?
 - c. Can the public see the civil service test for the chief? Will the Commission see the test?
 - d. When will you consider input from the public regarding candidates? As the civilian oversight board, will you hold a public meeting to hear from constituents?
 - e. Public reporting indicated that Mayor Ganim will interview the top 3 candidates. Will you plan to interview them as well?
5. We were able to speak on the phone with Randi Frank, the consultant, yesterday. She confirmed that in 2018, most cities of the same size and makeup of Bridgeport require a Bachelor's Degree, with a Master's Degree preferred for management. She conducted the search in Trumbull, our neighboring town, and a Bachelor's Degree was a requirement. Why is Bridgeport not requiring the same professional standards that are national best practices?
6. Is Internal Affairs currently investigating Officer James Boulay, Officer Christina Arroyo, Officer John Carrano (drove drunk down a one-way street, injuring civilians) and Officer Steven Figueroa (domestic violence) for their misconduct and violence? What is the current employment status of these four Officers?
7. Is Chief AJ Perez under investigation for using department resources to collect absentee ballots on behalf of the partisan Democratic Town Committee and in favor of a particular candidate?
8. Per your statements at the March 20th Police Commission meeting, what is the update from the Connecticut judge regarding where your disciplinary powers legally lie?