

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm

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

Item #1 Roll call of Commissioners:

Present were Commissioners: Lyons, Cruz, Farrow, Quarles, Cuminotto, and Diaz. Also present: Chief Armando J. Perez, Captain Mark Straubel, Lieutenant Manuel Cotto, Lieutenant Brian Dickerson, Sergeant John Klesyk, Sergeant Milton Johnson, Officer Tresha Parks, City Attorney John Bohannon, City Attorney Mark Anastasi, and Angel DePara.

Item #2

- a. The pledge of allegiance was not observed.
- b. A moment of silence was observed for retired Sergeant Carl J. Liano who passed away on November 19, 2017.
- c. A moment of silence was observed for retired Officer John L. Dunn who passed away on November 17, 2017.
- d. A moment of silence was observed for Officer Thomas Lattanzio who passed on December 4, 2017.

Item #3

Minutes of Prior Meetings:

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

Item #4

Reports:

- a. **Chief:** Chief Perez reported the following to the board: Passing of Officer Thomas Lattanzio on December 4, 2017, in the process of implementing a Regional Firearms Training Faculty with surrounding towns and financial assistance from the State, Crime Statistics are down 3.4%, several proactive details working simultaneously to remove weapons and drugs from the streets, attended a safety summit on December 4, 2017 with several area churches and synagogues, de-escalation training continues in the department with 122 officers already trained in this area, Pilot Program will begin soon testing Body and Dashboard Camera's, meeting with Kenny Jackson who runs a program called Neighborhood Response Program, NEXGEN Project proceeding on time and will begin the first week in March 2018, Man power in the department is 408, Motor Vehicle Stop training will begin for all

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officers in January 2018, and hoping for another recruit class of 25 in the new year.

- b. **Union:** None

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- c. **OIA:** Noted
- d. **Clerk:** Board updated with respect to upcoming meetings.
- e. **Board Committees:** None
- f. **Special Reports:** None

Item #5

New Businesses: On a motion made by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commission Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to place the addendum noted as New Business on the agenda.

a. Ms. Gemeem Davis spoke for Ms. Callie Heilmann who originally requested to speak to the board regarding her request for a response from the board relative to the Bridgeport Generation Now statement that was presented at the November 21, 2017 meeting.

b. Councilmember Kyle Langan addressed the board regarding the powers of the commission based on the City Charter.

c. Ms. Takina Pollock addressed the board regarding matters pertaining to Jayson Negron. Ms. Pollock provided a written statement to the board.

Item #6

Policies and Procedures:

a. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to approve **item 6a-Department Policy Section 2, with minor changes to formatting of policy numbers.**

a. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to approve **item 6a-Departmental Awards for the following officers:** Sergeant James Geremia, Sergeant Jeffrey Long, Officer Jonathan Simmons, and Sergeant Ivan Delgado.

Item #7

Widows Pension:

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Patricia Liano to receive a widow's pension effective immediately.
- b. On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Judith Dunn to receive a widow's pension effective immediately.

Item #8

Other Scheduled Matters a:

- a. i: On a motion by Commissioner Quarles and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to **approve** the recommendations of the City Traffic Engineer.

Other Scheduled Matters b: None

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **8:27P.M.**

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

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

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

1. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Patricia Liano to receive a widow’s pension effective immediately.
2. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Judith Dunn to receive a widow’s pension effective immediately.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **8:28 P.M.**

NO