

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD MAY 21, 2013 AT 6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM.

Present were Commissioners Cruz, Brown, Roach, Norman, and Castillo. Also present were Chief Gaudett, Assistant Chief J. Nardoizzi, Lieutenant R. Garcia, and Sgt. C. Paris. Also present was Associate City Attorney S. DePiano.

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

Present were Commissioners Cruz, Brown, Roach, Norman, and Castillo.

Item #2

a. The pledge of allegiance observed.

Item #3 **Minutes of Prior Meetings:**

a & b On a motion by Commissioner Roach seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the special board meetings held April 23, 2013 and May 15, 2013.

Item #4 **Reports:**

a. Chief: Chief Gaudett addressed the board, providing an update on the recent MTA train collision and the subsequent need for 60 buses to alleviate traffic, the implementation of the parks detail, the use of the mounted unit at Fairfield's annual "clam jam", a reward being offered for information on a recent hit and run accident, and the attendance of the Governor and Mayor at a recent "comstat" meeting.

b. Union: Sgt. Paris addressed the board and provided an update on the police memorial fundraising and the Webb family.

On a motion by Commissioner Norman seconded by Commissioner Roach, the board voted unanimously to go into executive session at 7:02 PM to discuss item 4.c

c. OIA: Lt. Garcia presented a written report on the status of various cases and discussed other investigatory matters.

The board went back into public session at 7:50 PM.

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

e. Board Committees: Commissioner Brown addressed the transferring of funds from pension plan "B" into CMERS.

f. Special Reports: None.

Item #5 **Old Business:** None

Item #6 **New Business:**

a. Commissioner Roach nominated Commissioner Brown to permanently Chair the board. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Castillo. The board voted unanimously to approve said nomination. The Vice-Chairman nomination was tabled.

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- b. On a motion by Commissioner Roach seconded by Commissioner Norman, the board unanimously voted to grant the request of former recruit officer M. Van Growski to have his pension contributions returned.
- c. On a motion by Commissioner Roach seconded by Commissioner Castillo, the board unanimously voted to suspend the rules and add an item to the agenda. The board granted the request of Michael Laronia and Paul Healy from Sacred Heart University to discuss the construction of a new building on Park Avenue and its effect on traffic in Bridgeport. As there is no change to any traffic patterns and or signage on the Bridgeport side of Park Avenue, the issue was discussed as a matter of courtesy.

Item #7 Disability Retirements:

Item 7.a continued as tabled to next month's meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Norman seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to go into executive session at 8:11 PM to discuss item 7.b

The board went back on the public record at 8:15 PM.

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Norman seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board voted unanimously to grant the request of Officer I. Clayton to retire on a service-connected disability effective immediately.

Item #8 Regular Retirements/Resignations: None

Item #9 Correspondence: Items a, and b noted.

Item #10 Widow's Pension: None.

Item #11 Other Scheduled Matters A:

- i-iv On a motion by Commissioner Roach seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board voted unanimously to combine and approve the request of the traffic engineer in said traffic matters.

Item #11 Other Scheduled Matters B:

- i. On a motion by Commissioner Roach seconded by Commissioner Norman, the board voted unanimously to approve the request of the traffic engineer to deny said traffic matter.

On a motion by Commissioner Norman seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

The Board reconvened as the trustees of Pension "Plan B" at 8:26 PM.

Present were Commissioners Roach, Castillo, Brown, Norman, and Cruz.

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1. Item continued to next month as tabled.
2. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz seconded by Commissioner Castillo, the board voted unanimously to grant the request of Officer I. Clayton to receive a service-connected disability pension effective immediately.
3. On a motion by Commissioner Norman seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to grant the request of former recruit officer M. Van Growski to have his pension contributions returned.

On a motion by Commissioner Castillo seconded by Commissioner Norman, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:26 PM.

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