

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Richard Epstein, Chairman;  
Sandra Trevino; Evelise Ribeiro; and Theodore Brooks

Chief James Lewis: Department of Police Services  
Assistant Chief Stephanie Redding: Department of Police Services  
Assistant Chief Roy Brown: Department of Police Services  
Assistant Chief Peter Reichard: Department of Police Services  
Assistant Chief Kenneth Gillespie: Department of Police Services

Scott Nabel: Human Resources

**OPEN SESSION**

Meeting called to order at 8:08 a.m., Richard Epstein, Chairman, presiding.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Discussion and Approval of Regular Session Minutes of August 18, 2009

- \*\* **Commissioner Ribeiro moved approval of the minutes of August 18, 2009**
- \*\* **Commissioner Brooks seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Trevino, Brooks, and Ribeiro**
- \*\* **Motion passed (4-0-0)**

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief James Lewis

Chief Lewis reported current crime data and distributed the report. Six of the seven crime categories are down on average of 10 percent. Aggravated assaults and shootings remain problematic. In addition, Chief Lewis reported on the budget expense of the recent high profile homicide regarding a Yale lab technician. The Board commended Chief Lewis for his expertise in handling the matter. A vehicle believed to be involved in another big case regarding a small child who was killed in a traffic accident was found in Florida and the Department has custody of the vehicle and further action on this matter is pending.

The IA Pro computer training is in 2 weeks. The cost of the program is being shared with Yale. This program will give the Department the ability to identify issues that officers have such as complaints, use of force, and accidents.

The Chief reported on the status of the class. There was additional discussion on seating a new class. Scott Nabel, H.R., is hopeful to do a combined class with Bridgeport and Hartford in the

future.

### **CORPORATION COUNSEL REPORT**

There was no report.

### **INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT (Executive Session)**

This was deferred to Executive Session.

### **RETIREMENTS**

There were no retirements.

### **RESIGNATIONS**

Recruit Gerald Cappiello, eff. 9/11/09  
Recruit Michael Neumahr, eff. 9/11/09

Informational only.

### **EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Graves

There was no Efficiency Committee Report.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no Finance Committee Report. There is presently no Chair for this committee.

### **CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

Commissioner Ribeiro

There was no Civilian Review Board Liaison report.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- \*\* Police Officer Selection Process
- Conditional Offers to remaining candidates on Eligibility List
  - Withdrawal of conditional offers

At the last meeting Board approval of conditional offers was inadvertently omitted. Subsequently, conditional offers were sent to all the candidates remaining on the list, including those who had initially declined, as well as from rank 149 to the end of the list. The applications were due back on September 21, 2009, by 5 p.m., and Mr. Nabel is in possession of the list of candidates who have not met the first condition. The matter will be discussed at a further

meeting, and other personnel matter will be discussed in executive session.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**\*\* Commissioner Ribeiro moved to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel**

**\*\* Commissioner Brooks seconded**

**Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Trevino, Ribeiro and Brooks**

**\*\* Motion passed (4-0-0)**

**The Board entered Executive Session at 8:31 a.m.**

**\*\* Commissioner Ribeiro moved to exit Executive Session**

**\*\* Commissioner Brooks seconded**

**Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Trevino, Graves and Brooks**

**\*\* Motion passed (4-0-0)**

**The Board exited Executive Session at 8:58 a.m.**

- **A Special Meeting to review Department policies is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2009, at 6 p.m.**
- **The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2009, at 8 a.m.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Neill