

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2009
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

PRESENT:

Commissioners Richard Epstein, Chairman; Cathy Graves, Chris DePino, Evelise Ribeiro, and Sandra Trevino

Chief James Lewis: Department of Police Services
Assistant Chief Stephanie Redding: Department of Police Services
Assistant Chief Roy Brown: Department of Police Services

Scott Nabel: Human Resources

OPEN SESSION

Meeting called to order at 8:10 a.m., Richard Epstein, Chairman, presiding.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Traffic Authority report was presented by Mr. Mike Piscitelli of the Traffic Authority.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY CHANGES

Discussion and Approval of Changes requested by Traffic Authority – Item 1

- ** **Commissioner Graves moved approval of Item 1**
- ** **Commissioner Trevino seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, DePino, Graves, and Trevino**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

Discussion and Approval of Changes requested by Traffic Authority – Item 2

- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved approval of Item 2**
- ** **Commissioner Trevino seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, DePino, Graves, and Trevino**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

Discussion and Approval of Changes requested by Traffic Authority – Item 3

- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved approval of Item 3**
- ** **Commissioner Trevino seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, DePino, Graves, and Trevino**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

Discussion and Approval of Changes requested by Traffic Authority – Item 4

- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved approval of Item 4**
- ** **Commissioner Trevino seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, DePino, Graves, and Trevino**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

Discussion and Approval of Changes requested by Traffic Authority – Item 5A & 5B

- ** **Commissioner Graves moved approval of Items 5A and 5B**
- ** **Commissioner Trevino seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, DePino, Graves, and Trevino**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

Discussion and Approval of Changes requested by Traffic Authority – Item 5C1 & 5C2

- ** **Commissioner Trevino moved approval of Items 5C1 and 5C2**
- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, DePino, Graves, and Trevino**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

Discussion and Approval of Changes requested by Traffic Authority – Item 5D

- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved approval of Item 5D**
- ** **Commissioner Graves seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, DePino, Graves, and Trevino**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and Approval of Regular Session Minutes of January 13, 2009

- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved approval of the minutes of January 13, 2009**
- ** **Commissioner DePino seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, DePino, Graves, and Trevino**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Lewis reviewed highlights from Mayor DeStefano's speech regarding cuts and elimination of positions as a result of the economic situation.

Fund raising was discussed in general by the commission.

Discussion of the New Haven Police Department Mission Statement and the budgetary restrictions that prevent existing logos on vehicles to be replaced. All new vehicles will be ordered with new logos to publicize Mission Statement.

Current class of officers will replace retirees.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR 25 ADDITIONAL OFFICERS

Discussion and Approval to add an additional 25 officers to New Haven Police Department

- ** **Commissioner DePino moved approval of additional 25 officers**
- ** **Commissioner Graves seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, DePino, Graves, and Trevino**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

Chief James Perrotti of the Yale University Police Department informed the Commission of two candidates who have been presented for appointment to the Yale University Police Department. There are currently 6 openings. If approved, there will be 4 remaining openings.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF YALE POLICE DEPT. CANDIDATES

Discussion and Approval of Candidates for appointment to the Yale University Police Department

- ** **Commissioner Trevino moved approval of the minutes of January 13, 2009**
- ** **Commissioner Graves seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, DePino, Graves, and Trevino**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

OTHER BUSINESS

Procedures for complaints were discussed.

CORPORATION COUNSEL REPORT

Corporation Counsel Michael Wolak discussed general aspects of ongoing cases and delivered handouts to the Board members.

NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN

Discussion, Nomination, and Approval for position of Chairman for Board of Police Commissioners

- ** Commissioner Ribeiro moved nomination of Richard Epstein for Chairman**
- ** Commissioner DePino seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, DePino, and Trevino**
- ** Motion passed (4-0-0)**

NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Discussion, Nomination, and Approval for position of Vice Chairman for Board of Police Commissioners

Tabled until next regular meeting.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL YALE POLICE DEPT. CANDIDATES

Discussion and Approval of Candidates for appointment to the Yale University Police Department

- ** Commissioner Trevino moved to appoint the candidates recommended by Yale University Police Dept.**
- ** Commissioner Graves seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, DePino, Graves, and Trevino**
- ** Motion passed (5-0-0)**

The next regular meeting will be March 10, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Antonelle

Revised by Scott Nabel