

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2008
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

PRESENT: Commissioners Richard Epstein, Chairman; Evelise Ribeiro;
Chris Depino (6:36 p.m.); and Cathy Graves

Assistant Chief Stephanie Redding: Department of Police Services
Assistant Chief Roy Brown: Department of Police Services
Assistant Chief Kenneth Gillespie: Department of Police Services

Scott Nabel: Human Resources
Michael Wolak, Esq.: Corporation Counsel

OPEN SESSION

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m., Richard Epstein, Chairman, presiding.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

There was no Traffic Authority business.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and Approval of Regular Session Minutes of October 14, 2008

- ** Commissioner Graves moved approval of the minutes of October 14, 2008
- ** Commissioner Ribeiro seconded
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Depino and Graves
- ** Motion passed (4-0-0)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and Approval of Special Session Minutes of November 6, 2008

- ** Commissioner Graves moved approval of the minutes of November 6, 2008
- ** Commissioner Ribeiro seconded
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Depino and Graves
- ** Motion passed (4-0-0)

CHIEF'S REPORT

Assistant Chief Stephanie Redding

- * PERF Matrix

This matter was continued for a future date when Chief Lewis can be in attendance. Assistant Chief Redding indicated that Chuck Wexler will be giving an update on Tuesday, November 25, 2008.

Chief Lewis attended a meeting with the Paris, France, chief of police to discuss child study work and trauma with children.

There was a graduation for the Stamford nine on Friday, November 14, 2008.

The next graduation is scheduled for December 5, 2008, Wilbur Cross High School, at 4 p.m.

Regarding upcoming recruitment efforts, approximately 260 candidates will be invited to attend the oral boards, which will be the first week in December. It is hopeful the Civil Service list will be available around the third week in December.

Chairman Epstein requested that the Commission receive more detailed crime reports on e-mail updates.

CORPORATION COUNSEL REPORT

Michael Wolak

Michael Wolak, corporate counsel, distributed a report on case review and subsequently discussed the information with the Commission.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS

- * **Yale University Police Department candidates for December class at POST**
Lieutenant Steven Woznyk

Lieutenant Woznyk presented the backgrounds of the three candidates for the Yale University Police Department: Sergei Orshansky, Elizabeth Williams and Jason Lowery..

- ** **Commissioner Graves moved approval of the Yale University candidates**
- ** **Commissioner Depino seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Depino, and Graves**
- ** **Motion passed (4-0-0)**

- * **NHPD candidates for December class at POST**
Scott Nabel, Human Resources
Captain Joanne Peterson

Mr. Nabel indicated that names have to be submitted on Monday, November 24, 2008, to POST. Four candidates are being recommended: Kimberly Vale, Rosario Leiva, Ross Van Nostrand and Dana Martin. It is hopeful that the class will be offered to all four candidates. Mr. Nabel recommended that the Commission authorize the Chief to make conditional offers to all four candidates but to rank the candidates by number and wait to

see how many seats will be available. Captain Peterson briefly discussed the backgrounds of each of the candidates.

- ** Commissioner Graves moved to recommend the candidates to the Chief by order of rank**
- ** Commissioner Depino seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Depino, and Graves**
- ** Motion passed (4-0-0)**

There were an additional five candidates that Mr. Nabel recommended withdrawing offers to because the candidates did not meet all requirements.

CASES TO ASSIGN

There were no cases to assign.

CASES TO REVIEW

There were no cases to review.

RETIREMENTS

There were no retirements.

RESIGNATIONS

Dispatcher Candace Groom eff. 10/29/08
Recruit Frank DiFonzo, eff. 11/16/08

Informational only.

EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no Efficiency Committee Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no Finance Committee Report.

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD LIAISON REPORT

There was no civilian Review Board Liaison Report.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next regular meeting will be December 16, 2008, at 6 p.m.

**** Commissioner Depino moved to enter Executive Session**
**** Commissioner Ribeiro seconded**
Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Depino, and Graves
**** Motion passed (4-0-0)**
The Commission entered Executive Session at 6:52 p.m.

**** Commissioner Graves moved to exit Executive Session**
**** Commissioner Depino seconded**
Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Depino, and Graves
**** Motion passed (4-0-0)**
The Commission exited Executive Session at 7:11 p.m.

**** Commissioner Graves moved to withdraw the offers of the police candidates discussed in Executive Session**
**** Commissioner Ribeiro seconded**
Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Depino, and Graves
**** Motion passed (4-0-0)**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Neill