

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

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Richard Epstein, Chairman; Sandra Trevino; Chris Depino (6:45 p.m.); Evelise Ribeiro; and Theodore Brooks (left 6:48 p.m.)

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

Scott Nabel: Human Resources  
Michael Wolak: Corporation Counsel

Bruce Fischer: Traffic and Parking

**OPEN SESSION**

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m., Richard Epstein, Chairman, presiding.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY**

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY MINUTES**

Discussion and Approval of Traffic Authority Minutes of February 10, 2009

- \*\* Commissioner Brooks moved approval of Traffic Authority minutes of February 10, 2009**
- \*\* Commissioner Ribeiro seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, and Trevino**
- \*\* Abstention: Commissioner Brooks**
- \*\* Motion passed (3-0-1)**

Following the Regular Meeting of the Traffic Authority Mr. Fischer excused himself at 6:27 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Discussion and Approval of Regular Session Minutes of February 10, 2009

- \*\* Commissioner Ribeiro moved approval of the minutes of February 10, 2009**
- \*\* Commissioner Trevino seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro and Trevino**
- \*\* Abstention: Commissioner Brooks**
- \*\* Motion passed (3-0-1)**

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

**Assistant Chief James Lewis**

- PERF Matrix

This matter was deferred for Executive Session.

Chief Lewis updated the crime statistics and reported on the status of current homicide investigations. Copies of statistics were distributed. Chief Lewis explained that the previous few years' stats were behind by several years and therefore not accurate. Chief Redding, with the assistance of the records division, is updating the statistics.

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

**\*\* Commissioner Ribeiro seconded**

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

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

**The Board entered Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.**

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

**\*\* Commissioner Ribeiro seconded**

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

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

**The Board exited Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.**

Traffic ticketing is up approximately 70 percent.

It is anticipated that the City of New Haven will participate in a pilot program for Red Light Cameras. Camera locations will be posted, and there will be ten locations.

Chief Brown has 28 policies completed; there will be a total of 58. Upon completion, the policies will be submitted to corporation counsel and then to the Board.

Chief Lewis distributed a letter of appreciation from a member of the public regarding Lieutenant Bombalicki.

On March 11, 2009, Chief Lewis is doing a presentation in Suffolk, Long Island, on gang operations.

## **CORPORATION COUNSEL REPORT**

**Michael Wolak, Esq.**

Attorney Wolak gave status reports on pending lawsuits.

There was a back and forth exchange regarding the use of cell phones by police officers.

**INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT (Executive Session)**  
**Captain JoAnne Peterson**

This matter was deferred for Executive Session.

**RETIREMENTS**

Sergeant Craig Guglielmo, age annuity, eff. 2/28/09

Information only

**RESIGNATIONS**

There were no resignations.

**EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no Efficiency Committee Report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Commissioner Depino**

Chief Lewis reported the Department lost all part-time positions. Two captain positions and some of the vacant patrol positions are unfunded for the next fiscal year.

**CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

**Commissioner Evelise Ribeiro**

Commissioner Ribeiro reported that coordinator Reggie Thomas was laid off from his position with the CRB.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- NHPD Police Officer Selection: Request to Add/Rescind Conditional Offers
- \*\* **Commissioner Ribeiro moved to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel**
- \*\* **Commissioner Trevino seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Trevino and Depino**
- \*\* **Motion passed (4-0-0)**
- The Board entered Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.**
- \*\* **Commissioner Ribeiro moved to exit Executive Session**
- \*\* **Commissioner Depino seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Trevino and Depino**
- \*\* **Motion passed (4-0-0)**
- The Board exited Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.**

- \*\* Commissioner Depino moved to adopt a drug policy in the police officer selection process**
- \*\* Commissioner Ribeiro seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Trevino and Depino**
- \*\* Motion passed (4-0-0)**
  
- \*\* Commissioner Ribeiro moved to withdraw conditional offers to the ten candidates discussed in Executive Session**
- \*\* Commissioner Depino seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Trevino and Depino**
- \*\* Motion passed (4-0-0)**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Neill