

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
MAY 12, 2009
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

PRESENT: Commissioners Richard Epstein, Chairman; Sandra Trevino;
Cathy Graves (8:16 a.m.); and Evelise Ribeiro (8:16 a.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

OPEN SESSION

Meeting called to order at 8:13 a.m., Richard Epstein, Chairman, presiding.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and Approval of Regular Session Minutes of April 14, 2009

- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved approval of the minutes of April 14, 2009**
- ** **Commissioner Graves seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Graves, Ribeiro and Trevino**
- ** **Motion passed (4-0-0)**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief James Lewis

- PERF Matrix

Chief Lewis submitted copies of the PERF report to the Commissioners, as well as a report on the use of tasers, which has also been submitted to the Public Safety Committee.

There are approximately 40 policies with corporation counsel that are awaiting input from corporation counsel and the union. Additional policies are in progress. When the policies have been finalized, they will be submitted to the Commission for review.

Chief Lewis invited the Commissioners to look at the videos on the use of Tazors. It is Chief Lewis's opinion that the budget would be better spent in supplying officers with tasers without videos as opposed to spending budget dollars on tasers with videos due to the poor quality of the videos.

The State of Connecticut gave the Department a waiver so they can hold an Academy of 45.

The federal government has requested all crime statistics by a June 30, 2009 deadline in order to avoid penalties on receipt of grant money. The crime statistics have been audited through July 2008. The Department is on an aggressive program to have all crime stats audited by the end of June 2009 in order to get the full allotment of grant money.

In-service training continues and the Department is using asset forfeiture and grant money to send officers to outside schools. Some managers will be sent to PERF school in Boston during the summer months.

Chief Lewis reported on the status of recent shootings.

Scott Nabel, human resources, reported on the status of the Academy. Captain Peterson's team is moving people through the background process. Last week was in-house psychological testing; polygraphs and medical exams will follow. The class will start in late summer or early fall.

The sergeant's exam will be certified at the end of May. There are nine vacancies; however, all positions will not be filled. Promotional recommendations are anticipated at the June meeting..

CORPORATION COUNSEL REPORT

Michael Wolak, Esq.

Attorney Wolak gave status reports on claim files and pending litigation.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT (Executive Session)

Captain JoAnne Peterson

This matter was deferred for Executive Session.

RETIREMENTS

There were no retirements.

RESIGNATIONS

There were no resignations.

EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no Efficiency Committee Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no Finance Committee Report.

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Commissioner Evelise Ribeiro

There was no Civilian Review Board report.

CASES TO ASSIGN

173-08-C – Given to Commissioner Trevino

CASES TO RETURN

124-08-C – Returned by Commissioner Epstein for further action

107-08-C – Returned by Commissioner Ribeiro for further action.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Cooperative Agreement between City of New Haven and Yale University
- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved to amend the Agenda to add the Cooperative Agreement between the City of New Haven and Yale University**
- ** **Commissioner Graves seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Graves, Ribeiro, and Trevino**
- ** **Motion passed (4-0-0)**

Following discussion:

- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved approval of the Cooperative Agreement between the City of New Haven and Yale University**
- ** **Commissioner Graves seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Graves, Ribeiro, and Trevino**
- ** **Motion passed (4-0-0)**
- Request of Yale University Police Department for hiring of Police Officers: Kristina Reech and Raymond DeJesus
- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved approval**
- ** **Commissioner Graves seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Graves, Ribeiro, and Trevino**
- ** **Motion passed (4-0-0)**

- Referral of Recruit Jason Pope for termination for failure to satisfactorily complete field training program and become certified as a Police Officer

This matter was deferred for a hearing on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 7 p.m..

- NHPD Police Officer Selection: Request to Rescind Conditional Offers and refer eliminated candidates to Civil Service Board.

**** Commissioner Graves moved to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel**

**** Commissioner Ribeiro seconded**

Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Graves, Ribeiro, and Trevino

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:39 a.m.

**** Commissioner Graves moved to exit Executive Session**

**** Commissioner Ribeiro seconded**

Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Graves, Ribeiro, and Trevino

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

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:13 a.m.

**** Commissioner Graves moved to rescind conditional offers of Police Officer candidates discussed and refer them to the Civil Service Board**

**** Commissioner Ribeiro seconded**

Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Graves, Ribeiro, and Trevino

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

- The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 6, 2009, a 6.p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Neill