

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2009
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

PRESENT: Commissioners Richard Epstein, Chairman;
Cathy Graves (8:20 a.m.); Evelise Ribiero; Sandra Trevino;
and Theodore Brooks

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

Bruce Fisher: Traffic and Parking

Scott Nabel: Human Resources
Michael Wolak: Corporation Counsel

OPEN SESSION

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Following the regular meeting of the Traffic Authority, Mr. Fischer excused himself at 8:20 a.m.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and Approval of Regular Session Minutes of September 22, 2009

- ** **Commissioner Brooks moved approval of the minutes of September 22, 2009**
- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Trevino, Brooks, Graves and Ribiero**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief James Lewis

- Discussion of PERF Matrix

Chief Lewis introduced newly-appointed Commissioner Richard Buckholz. Commissioner Buckholz will fill the unexpired term of Commissioner Christopher Depino who has resigned.

Chief Lewis distributed a report on the use of Tasers, indicating that Tasers are reducing injuries to officers by 70 percent and to suspects by 40 percent.

The current crime statistics were distributed and Chief Lewis indicated that within the next 3

weeks the Department will be auditing the current month.

A meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2009, for the commissioners to review recommended policies and to review the PERF report in anticipation of closing out the PERF report.

CORPORATION COUNSEL REPORT

Michael Wolak, Esq.

Attorney Wolak provided a summary of the disposition of matters from August and September 2009.

Additional personnel matters were deferred to executive session.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

(Pending matters in Executive Session)

Captain Joann Peterson

Captain Peterson reported that in September 6 files were closed and 13 new cases opened. She also reported that her entire staff went through 3 days of training on the IA-Pro records management program, which satisfied one of the PERF recommendations.

Other matters were deferred to executive session.

RETIREMENTS

There were no retirements.

RESIGNATIONS

There were no resignations.

EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Graves

There was no Efficiency Committee Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Ribeiro volunteered to Chair the Finance Committee.

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Commissioner Ribiero

Commissioner Ribiero reported that the CRB continues to meet regularly and thanked Captain Peterson for attending all the meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Deferred to executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ** **Commissioner Brooks moved to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel**
- ** **Commissioner Ribiero seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Trevino, Ribiero, Graves and Brooks**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:40 a.m.

- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved to exit Executive Session**
- ** **Commissioner Brooks seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Trevino, Ribiero, Graves and Brooks**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:26 a.m.

- ** **Commissioner Brooks moved to remove those candidates presented and discussed in Executive Session with the exception of #110, Alberto Roman**
- ** **Commissioner Trevino seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Trevino, Ribiero, Graves and Brooks**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Neill