

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2022
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND CONFERENCE CALL VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Darrell Brooks, Michael Lawlor; Evelise Ribeiro; and Donald Walker

Chief Karl Jacobson: Department of Police Service
Assistant Chief Bertram Ettiene: Department of Police Service
Lieutenant Manmeet Colon: Department of Police Service
Sergeant Yelena Borisova: Department of Police Service
Sergeant Paul Finch: Department of Police Service
Officer Reginald McGlotten: Department of Police Service
Officer D. Cohen: Department of Police Service
Eva Perry-Lambert: Administrative Assistant

Bruce Fischer: Transportation, Traffic & Parking

Michelle Duprey, Esquire: Deputy Corporation Counsel
Regina Rush-Kittle: Chief Administrative Officer

Macin Adamkiewicz
Robert Barolli
Brandon Bright
Marbel Thompson Buccitti
Joshua Dippini
Patrick Foley
Eric Hicks
Daniel Hunt
Luke Julianelle
Said Liamani
Ryan Loschiavo
Marjorie Mathieu
Dominic Peguisto
Miguel Pittman, Sr.
Shantel Ratchford
Joshua Rivera
Carlo Roch
Nicholas Sevetz
Keith Shaner
Stephanie Singletary
Jovanni Torres
Frantzy Toussaint

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

The Traffic Authority meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Commissioner Evelise Ribeiro, Chair

*Commissioner Ribeiro indicated that Commissioners Meares and Miranda would not be attending the meeting.

Following the regular meeting of the Traffic Authority, Mr. Fischer excused himself at 6:25 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Regular Session meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Evelise Ribeiro, Chair.

*Commissioner Ribeiro indicated that #59, Felder Jean-Baptiste would be added to the agenda under candidates recommended for hire.

AGENDA

- ** Commissioner Lawlor motioned to Approve the Agenda as Amended to add Felder Jean-Baptiste for hire for the November 15, 2022 Board of Police Commissioners' Meeting
- ** Commissioner Walker seconded
- ** Motion passed unanimously

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2022

- ** Commissioner Walker moved the motion to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2022
- ** Commissioner Lawlor seconded
- ** Motion passed unanimously

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Karl Jacobson

- Chief Jacobson apologized for not having his camera on because he had just arrived at daughter's game.
- His report would be brief.
- Chief Jacobson indicated that 217 guns have been seized with 48 ghost guns compared to last year at the same time with 172 guns seized with 11 ghost guns. They are still seeing an increase in ghost gun seizures and illegal use of ghost guns.
- There are currently 10 homicides compared to last year at the same time with 24 homicides. This is a 59 percent decrease in homicide this year.
- There have been 102 non-fatal shootings compared to 97 non-fatal shooting at the same time last year. This is a little bit over five percent increase.
- The real reflective number is the number of confirmed shots fired which is currently down 20 percent. So, we are trending in the right direction. And some of the tools the Department is utilizing to reduce violent crime are workings.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

Lieutenant Colon

■ Lieutenant Colon began with the closed cases for the month.

IA CASE NO. 22C-032: The complainant alleged that he did not receive his earrings back when he was released from the New Haven correctional facility. This complainant was processed at One Union Avenue for criminal charges, then transported to court. He was handed over to the marshals. He was then transported to the New Haven correctional facility. The worn-body camera footage did reflect that his property was taken, placed in a plastic bag and then sealed. There was no evidence that his property was lost while in the possession of the New Haven police officers.

IA CASE NO. 21C-048: The complainant in this case alleged that he was unlawfully arrested. He suspected he was arrested by an officer who had sexual relations with his child's mother. The officer in questions did not match the description that was provided by the complainant, neither did the officer have any knowledge of the woman that the complainant was referring to. The complainant was arrested, but not by the officer that he complaint about. The officer's actions were deemed lawful on the scene. And there was no misconduct. This case was not sustained.

IA CASE NO. 22C-030: The complainant alleged that her sister assaulted her 17-year-old daughter and no arrest was made. It was determined that there was probable cause via the body-worn camera footage, police reports and statements taken. And it was proven that the officers were in violation of the Domestic Violence law specifically dominant and aggressor law. And this case was sustained.

IA CASE NO. 22C-025: The complainant in this case alleged that the officer did not properly document all the facts when her son was found deceased. Upon review of the body-worn camera footage, police reports and the officers who were interviewed, it was determined that officers acted within Departmental policy. And this was closed as unfounded.

IA CASE NO. 22C-039: The \complainant stated that the police did not respond fast enough to a call that he had made. He made several calls. It seemed like there was a delay from PSAP to the police officer. And despite him calling and canceling the call eventually saying that no officers responded initially, an officer did call him back to check up on him to make sure there were no issues. They reviewed the report and the body-worn camera footage and determined no New Haven Police Department officers violated any policy. This was unfounded.

■ There have been 71 complaints so far compared to 88 at the same time last year. Majority of the complaints have to do with neglect of duty followed by rudeness.

■ As far as the use of force, there have been 576. Lieutenant Colon highlighted the fact that Taser usage from the last four years have been on a steady decline. At the same time in 2019, there were 35 compared to the same time in 2020 at 25 and 24 in 2021. To-date, the Taser usage for this year is 14.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

1. Discussion and action on the recommendation from Chief Karl Jacobson to remove the following candidates from Eligibility List #22-17:

- A. #41 Patrick Foley
- B. #51 Stephanie Singletary
- C. #79 William Cameron
- D. #89 Joshua Rivera.
- E. #96 Nicholas Sevetz
- F. #104 Robert Barolli
- G. #116 Dominic Peguisto

- Sergeant Finch indicated all the candidates were in attendance with the exception of William Cameron who had chosen to withdraw from the process.
- Commissioner Ribeiro indicated that they would still have to take action since the agenda was not amended to reflect the withdrawal by Mr. Cameron.
- Commissioner Ribeiro asked all the candidates if they wanted to be heard in an open or a closed session and explained what each session meant. All opted for a closed session.

- ** **Commissioner Walker motioned to go into Executive Session to Discuss Removal of Candidates Recommended by Chief Jacobson from Eligibility List #22-17**
- ** **Commissioner Brooks seconded**
- ** **Motion passed unanimously**

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.

- ** **Commissioner Brooks motioned to Exit Executive Session**
- ** **Commissioner Walker seconded**
- ** **Motion passed unanimously**

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:02 p.m.

- ** Commissioner Brooks motioned to follow the Recommendation of Chief Karl Jacobson to Remove Patrick Foley from the Eligibility List #22-17
- ** Commissioner Walker seconded
- For: None
- Against: Commissioners Brooks, Lawlor, Ribeiro and Walker
- ** Motion failed unanimously

- Commissioner Ribeiro indicated the motion failed and that Mr. Foley would move forward in the process.

- ** Commissioner Brooks motioned to follow the Recommendation of Chief Jacobson to Remove Stephanie Singletary from the Eligibility List #22-17
- ** Commissioner Walker seconded

** Motion passed unanimously

** Commissioner Brooks motioned to follow the Recommendation of Chief Jacobson to Remove Candidate William Cameron from the Eligibility List #22-17

** Commissioner Walker seconded

■ Commissioner Ribeiro indicated that Mr. Cameron had also withdrawn from the process.

** Motion passed unanimously

** Commissioner Brooks motioned to follow the Recommendation of Chief Jacobson to Remove Candidate #89 Joshua Rivera from the Eligibility List #22-17

** Commissioner Walker seconded

For: None

Against: Commissioners Brooks, Lawlor, Ribeiro and Walker

** Motion failed unanimously

■ Commissioner Ribeiro indicated the motion failed and that Mr. Rivera would move forward in the process.

** Commissioner Brooks motioned to follow the Recommendation of Chief Karl Jacobson to Remove Candidate #96 Nicholas Sevetz from the Eligibility List #22-17

** Commissioner Walker seconded

For: None

Against: Commissioners Brooks, Lawlor, Ribeiro and Walker

** Motion failed unanimously

■ Commissioner Ribeiro indicated the motion failed and that Mr. Sevetz would move forward in the process.

** Commissioner Brooks motioned to follow the Recommendation of Chief Jacobson for the Removal of Candidate #104 Robert Barolli from the Eligibility List #22-17

** Commissioner Walker seconded

For: None

Against: Commissioners Brooks, Lawlor, Ribeiro and Walker

** Motion failed unanimously

■ Commissioner Ribeiro indicated the motion failed and that Mr. Barolli would move forward in the process.

** Commissioner Brooks motioned to follow Chief Jacobson's Recommendation to Remove Candidate #110 Dominic Peguisto from the Eligibility List #22-17

** Commissioner Walker seconded

** Motion passed unanimously

2 Discussion and action on the recommendation from Chief Karl Jacobson to hire the following candidates from Eligibility List #22-17:

- A. #19 Joshua Dippini
- B. #20 Marbel Thomson Buccitti
- C. #37 Brandon Bright
- D. #45 Said Liamani
- E. #46 Marcin Adamkiewicz
- F. #59 Felder Jean-Baptiste
- G. #61 Luke Julianelle
- H. #71 Shantel Ratchford
- I. #75 Eric Hicks
- J. #85 Frantzy Toussaint
- K. #87 Keith Shaner
- L. #93 Carol Roch
- M. #91 Jovanni Torres
- N. #102 Ryan Loschiavo

** Commissioner Walker motioned to Approve the Recommendation from Chief Karl Jacobson to hire the following candidates from Eligibility List 22-17:

- A. #19 Joshua Dippini
- B. #20 Marbel Thomson Buccitti
- C. #37 Brandon Bright
- D. #45 Said Liamani
- E. #46 Marcin Adamkiewicz
- F. #59 Felder Jean-Baptiste
- G. #61 Luke Julianelle
- H. #71 Shantel Ratchford
- I. #75 Eric Hicks
- J. #85 Frantzy Toussaint
- K. #87 Keith Shaner
- L. #93 Carol Roch
- M. #91 Jovanni Torres
- N. #102 Ryan Loschiavo

** Commissioner Lawlor seconded

■ Commissioner Lawlor stated that having participated in many but not all the interviews of these individuals, he is very impressed with this group that's coming on board. He thought it was a mistake to single people, but he wanted to single out Mr. Liamani and Mr. Felder because he thought they were getting such an extraordinary amount of lived experience with these two individuals. They are not as young as the rest, but they bring some extraordinary skills to the Department. He hoped they make it through the entire process. He talks to a lot of people around the state in a lot of different context when people are asking about the kinds of people who are interested in becoming police officers. And he conveys to them this ordinarily talented and

highly motivated group that the Department seem to be getting. He was very happy to be voting for this group.

** Motion passed unanimously

■ The candidates were congratulated.

RETIREMENTS (For Board information only)

There were none.

RESIGNATION (For Board information only)

Officer Jacob D'Asanio, effective October 25, 2022

Criminal Analyst Alec Feducia, effective November 13, 2022

Officer Conley Monk, effective November 18, 2022

RECRUITMENT/SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

■ Sergeant Finch indicated he had nothing to report.

EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT

■ Commissioner Ribeiro indicated that Commissioner Meares was not in attendance. However, the committee will be working on General Orders.

■ Commissioner Ribeiro further stated that she had a meeting with Assistant Chief Ettienne and staff a couple of weeks ago to take a look at the requests. There are a lot of General Orders coming down the pipe. The committee will be very busy in the coming months.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was none.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

■ Commissioner Ribeiro asked if there was a reason to go into executive session.

■ Lieutenant Colon indicated that Internal Affairs had nothing to report.

■ Commissioner Ribeiro indicated that there will be a special meeting on Monday, November 21st, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Notice would go out on November 16, 2022 for this special meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

** Commissioner Lawlor moved to Adjourn the Regular Meeting

** Commissioner Walker seconded
** Motion passed unanimously

The next regular meeting will be on December 13, 2022.
The Board adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sotonye Otunba-Payne