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2 DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE
3 BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

4 SPECIAL MEETING
5 JUNE 7, 2023
6 6:01 p.m.

7 HELD VIA: ZOOM

8 RE: INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION 22I-046
9 - and -
10 REINSTATEMENT OF JACOB D'ASCANIO

11 Present:

12 Commissioner Evelise Ribeiro, Chair
13 Commissioner Donald Walker, Vice Chair
14 Commissioner Darrell Brooks
15 Commissioner Isaias Miranda
16 Commissioner Michael Lawlor
17 Commissioner Tracey Meares

18 Eva Perry-Lambert, Administrative Assistant
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1 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Good evening.

2 It is 6:01 p.m., and I am Commissioner Evelise Ribeiro,
3 Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners, and I will
4 call to order this special meeting that is taking place
5 on Wednesday, June 7, 2023.

6 For the record, the commissioners
7 that are in attendance are myself, Commissioner
8 Ribeiro. We have Commissioner Tracey Meares;
9 Commissioner Donald Walker, our vice chair;
10 Commissioner Isaias Miranda; Commissioner Darrel
11 Brooks; and Commissioner Michael Lawlor.

12 So we will go straight to the
13 business of the evening. Personal matters. The first
14 business that we have, Item No. 1, is discussion and
15 action on a recommendation of Chief Carl Jacobson to
16 reinstate the following candidate, Jacob D'Ascanio.
17 Commissioners, what is your pleasure?

18 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Commissioner
19 Miranda here, and I make a motion that we follow the
20 chief's recommendation to reinstate Jacob D'Ascanio.

21 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Second, Madam
22 Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: A motion was
24 made by Commissioner Miranda, and a second by
25 Commissioner Brooks. Any discussion?

1 It's my understanding that the
2 committee, the subcommittee, has had an opportunity to
3 meet with Mr. D'Ascanio, and I apologize if I'm
4 pronouncing your name incorrectly. This is a
5 reinstatement, which means he was a former police
6 officer for the Department, and he is now requesting to
7 rejoin the Department and has gone through the proper
8 process and has been interviewed by the commissioners
9 and by the staff and is now looking to be reinstated.
10 Any further discussion? Okay. Seeing none, all those
11 in favor, please signify by saying aye.

12 (All in favor.)

13 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Any opposed?

14 (None opposed.)

15 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Any
16 abstentions?

17 (No abstentions.)

18 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We will go to
19 item 2, which is discussion and consideration of the
20 recommendation from Chief Karl Jacobson to terminate
21 Sergeant Betsy Sequi, Internal Affairs Investigation
22 22I-046.

23 Commissioners, I will entertain a
24 motion to table this item due to the unavailability of
25 counsel to be present at this meeting.

1 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: So moved.

2 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Second.

3 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Any

4 discussion? Okay. I wanted to just add for the
5 discussion and, actually, if the maker of the motion
6 will accept, we will table this matter due to the
7 unavailability of counsel, but will reconvene on June
8 28, 2023. Any other discussion? All those in favor
9 signify by saying aye.

10 (All in favor.)

11 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: All those
12 opposed?

13 (None opposed.)

14 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Motion
15 carries.

16 Commissioners, for Item No. 3, this
17 item was previously tabled. It's the vote on the
18 recommendation for Chief Karl Jacobson to terminate
19 Officer Jocelyn Lavendier, Internal Affairs
20 investigation 22I-046. Before we move on the motion --
21 first, let's actually entertain a motion to remove from
22 the table.

23 COMMISSIONER WALKER: I make a
24 motion to remove it from the table.

25 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Second.

1 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We have a
2 motion to remove from the table and a second. Any
3 discussion? Okay. All those in favor, please signify
4 by saying aye.

5 (All in favor.)

6 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: All those
7 opposed? Nay? All those opposed, signify by saying
8 nay.

9 (None opposed.)

10 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Any
11 abstentions?

12 (No abstentions.)

13 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioners,
14 before we move forward on the vote, is there a need to
15 go into executive session for any further deliberations
16 or to speak to staff or the union representatives? If
17 not and you are prepared to render a vote, then I will
18 entertain a motion. What is your pleasure?

19 COMMISSIONER WALKER: I make a
20 motion that we go ahead on the recommendation of Chief
21 Karl Jacobson to terminate Officer Jocelyn Lavendier,
22 Internal Affairs investigation 22I-046.

23 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Second.

24 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We have a
25 motion for recommendation for termination made by

1 Commissioner Donald Walker and seconded by Commissioner
2 Tracey Meares. Any discussion on the motion?

3 MR. LAWLOR: Madam Chair, I want to
4 clarify, the motion was to accept the recommendation of
5 Chief Jacobson, not just to move forward with it; is
6 that correct?

7 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Yes. If I
8 misspoke in repeating it, thank you for the correction.
9 Any other discussion? All right. All those in favor
10 of the motion, please signify by saying aye.

11 (Commissioner Walker in favor,
12 Commissioner Meares in favor, and Commissioner Lawlor
13 in favor.)

14 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Any opposed?

15 (None opposed.)

16 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Any
17 abstentions?

18 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Commissioner
19 Brooks abstains.

20 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Commissioner
21 Miranda abstains.

22 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We'll take a
23 voice vote for clarity. We'll start with Commissioner
24 Meares?

25 COMMISSIONER MEARS: Aye.

1 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
2 Lawlor?

3 MR. LAWLOR: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
5 Walker?

6 COMMISSIONER WALKER: Aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: And I am an
8 aye. Motion carries for the termination of Officer
9 Jocelyn Lavendier.

10 For the record, to our court
11 reporter, that was four ayes and two abstentions. Zero
12 nays.

13 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Moving on to
14 Item No. 4, the vote on the recommendation from Chief
15 Karl Jacobson to terminated Officer Luis Rivera.
16 Commissioners, what is your pleasure?

17 MR. LAWLOR: Madam Chair, I'll move
18 that we accept the recommendation of Chief Jacobson to
19 terminate Officer Rivera.

20 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Is there a
21 second to that motion?

22 COMMISSIONER WALKER: Second.

23 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We have a
24 motion made by Commissioner Michael Lawlor and seconded
25 by Commissioner Donald Walker to vote -- sorry. On the

1 recommendation of Chief Karl Jacobson to terminate
2 Officer Luis Rivera. Any discussion? I would just
3 move forward with a voice vote. We'll start with
4 Commissioner Meares?

5 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Abstain.

6 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
7 Lawlor?

8 MR. LAWLOR: Aye.

9 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
10 Miranda?

11 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: I'm
12 abstaining.

13 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
14 Brooks?

15 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
17 Walker?

18 COMMISSIONER WALKER: Aye.

19 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: That is four
20 ayes, zero nos, and two abstentions. Motion is
21 carried.

22 Commission, moving on to Item No. 5
23 on the vote on the recommendation from Chief Karl
24 Jacobson to terminate Officer Oscar Diaz, Internal
25 Affairs Investigation 22I-046. I will entertain a

1 motion to table due to the unavailability of counsel
2 and to reconvene on June 28, 2023. Is there a motion?

3 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: So moved.

4 COMMISSIONER WALKER: Second.

5 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I think I
6 heard a motion from Commissioner Miranda and a second
7 by Commissioner Walker. Any discussion? Okay. All
8 those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

9 (All in favor.)

10 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: All those
11 opposed?

12 (None opposed.)

13 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Any
14 abstentions?

15 (No abstentions.)

16 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Item No. 6,
17 the vote on recommendation from Chief Karl Jacobson to
18 terminate Sergeant Betsy Segui, Internal Affairs
19 investigation 22I-046. I will entertain a motion to
20 table due to the unavailability of counsel and to
21 reconvene on June 28, 2023. Is there a motion?

22 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: So moved.

23 COMMISSIONER WALKER: Second.

24 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Moved by
25 Commissioner Miranda and seconded by Commissioner

1 Walker. Any discussion? All those in favor, please
2 signify by saying aye.

3 (All in favor.)

4 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: All those
5 opposed?

6 (None opposed.)

7 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Motion
8 carries. We are complete with the business of
9 personnel matters.

10 Commissioners, is there any reason
11 to go into executive session?

12 MR. LAWLOR: Madam Chair, can I add
13 a point of clarification?

14 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Yes, sir.

15 MR. LAWLOR: I see that there are a
16 number of people joining us on the Zoom meeting, and I
17 think it's important to point out for people who
18 haven't been with us on our previous considerations of
19 these four recommendations of the chief, that not every
20 member of the Commission was present for every one of
21 the meetings, and that might explain some of the
22 abstentions in the votes tonight. Obviously, if you
23 didn't participate, you might not feel comfortable
24 casting a vote, and so I was present for all of them,
25 but not every member of the Commission was.

1 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Thank you for
2 that clarification, and that is correct. For the
3 record, we did have hearings earlier on the two
4 officers and not every member was present, and they
5 have chosen to abstain this evening. So thank you for
6 that. Any other discussion? Okay. Seeing none, we
7 are complete with the business for this evening, and
8 then I will entertain a motion for adjournment.

9 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: So moved,
10 Madam Chair.

11 COMMISSIONER WALKER: Second.

12 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I think I
13 heard the motion from Commissioner Brooks and a second
14 from Commissioner Walker. Any discussion? All those
15 in favor, please signify by saying aye.

16 (All in favor.)

17 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Opposed?

18 (None opposed.)

19 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Abstentions?

20 (No abstentions.)

21 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Motion is
22 carried. Thank you everyone for joining us this
23 evening. We will conclude our meeting at 6:13 p.m. As
24 stated earlier, we will meet next Tuesday, the 13th,
25 for a regular meeting, but we will also reconvene on

1 June 28, 2023 for the special meeting to consider and
2 vote on the other items that were tabled this evening,
3 so everyone please have a safe and great evening.

4 Goodnight.

5 (Whereupon, the meeting was
6 adjourned at 6:14 p.m.)

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I, DEBRA A. CHASSE, Court Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of Connecticut, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify the foregoing pages are a true and accurate transcription of the Special Meeting - Board of Police Commissioners, on the 7th day of June, 2023 via Zoom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal this 21st day of June, 2023.



Debra A. Chasse, CSR
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State of Connecticut

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