

SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 2023
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND CONFERENCE CALL VIA ZOOM
AND IN PERSON

PRESENT: Commissioners Darrell Brooks; Michael Lawlor - (joined at 6:35 p.m.):
Tracey Meares; Isais Miranda; Evelise Ribeiro; and Donald Walker

Chief Karl Jacobson: Department of Police Service
Assistant Chief Manmeet Bhagtana: Department of Police Service
Sergeant Paul Finch: Department of Police Service
Officer D. Cohen: Department of Police Service
Officer Reginald McGlotten: Department of Police Service
Asia Johnson-Clark: Administrative Assistant

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

Jared Barolli
Dieuguo Charles
Jermaine Coggins
Matthew Colella
Harry Collins
Clarel Delices
Cianela Dobson
Andrew Dudley
Franchessca Flores
Kevon Gayle
Daniel Hunt
Yezenia Jones
Anthony G. Lauria
Duane Marraca
Nisaiah Moore
Sylwia Pogorzelska
Mary Ruiz
Kevin Smith
Krystal R. Sutherland
Nehemiah Watkins, Jr

OPEN SESSION

The Special Session meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 6:31 p.m., Evelise Ribeiro, Chair, presiding.

■ Commissioner Ribeiro stated that the following commissioner were in attendance: Commissioner Ribeiro, Commissioner Meares, Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Miranda and Commissioner Brooks. She indicated that Commissioner Lawlor would be joining the meeting later.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

1. Discussion and action on the recommendation of Chief Kark Jacobson to hire the following candidates from Eligibility List #22-68CR:

Eligibility List 22-68CR 11/30/22

#69 Andrew Dudley

Eligibility List 22-68CR 7/11/23

#1 Kevon Gayle

#2 Anthony G. Lauria

#10 Krystal R. Sutherland

11 Clarel Delices

#20 Duane Marraca

#23 Matthew Colella

#30 Nehemiah Watkins, Jr.

#35 Franchessca Flores

Eligibility List 22-68CR 9/13/23

#4 Yezenia Jones

#5 Sylwia Pogorzelska

#6 Jared Barolli

#8 Mary Ruiz

#10 Jermaine Coggins

#13 Cianela Dobson

#14 Harry Collins

#17 Nisaiah Moore

#21 Dieuguo Charles

Eligibility List 22-68CR 10/11/23

#1 Kevin Smith

■ Chief Jacobson thanked the commissioners for taking time for this meeting. They would love to start this class on December 1, 2023.

■ Chief Jacobson stated that he was presenting a very diverse, very deeply-rooted-in-New-Haven group with six female candidates/cadets. They are very proud of this list.

■ Assistant Chief Jacobson further stated that he was very happy that Chief Bhagtana, Sergeant Finch and his crew had put together such a great, diverse group of candidates where many had gone to New Haven public schools and a few still live in New Haven. They are just excited for this group.

- Commissioner Ribeiro indicated that each candidate that was being hired would have to be named for the record.
- Chief Jacobson went on to mention each candidate for the record. He stated that this system was working because they are able merge the lists and get a whole class together.
- Commissioner Ribeiro added by saying that the Department is doing constant recruiting. So they are now able to simultaneously test while there is still a list that is current. As you can see from the dates, that has been happening. Another testing has been scheduled in January. They did make sure the Department was, of course, going through the lists appropriately. We just want to make sure that we are in compliance.
- Sergeant Finch added that the next written examination had been scheduled for January 10, 2024. The oral interview had been scheduled for January 22, 2024. Those conditional offers will go out. But before the conditional offers go out after the candidates pass the test, they always go back to the candidates that may have declined. The candidates do get a choice to decline the first opportunity for a conditional offer. If at any time a candidate declines, then the Department circles back to the candidate, thereby, giving the candidate a second opportunity.

** Commissioner Walker motioned to adhere to Chief Jacobson’s recommendation to hire the following candidates from Eligibility List 22-69CR:

Andrew Dudley from Eligibility List 12-68CR 11/30/22

From Eligibility List 22-68CR 7/11/23

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Kevin Smith

** Commissioner Meares seconded

** The motion passed unanimously

- The newly hired recruits were congratulated.
- Chief Jacobson indicated that the newly hired officers would be sworn in by the mayor on Thursday, November 20, 2023 and then begin their first day at the academy on Friday, December 1, 2023. He congratulated all. He further stated that the newly hired candidates were needed and that the Department was very excited to have them. He said the academy would be tough but they could do it.
- Commissioner Ribeiro noted for the record that Commissioner Lawlor had joined the meeting. She asked Commissioner Lawlor if he had the opportunity to vote. Commissioner Lawlor responded by saying that he had the opportunity to cast a vote.
- Commissioner Ribeiro implored Ms. Otunba-Payne to indicate in the minutes that Commissioner Lawlor was able to cast a vote.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** Commissioner Brooks moved to Adjourn the Special Meeting
- ** Commissioner Meares seconded
- ** Motion passed unanimously

The next regular meeting will be on December 12, 2023.
The Board adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sotonye Otunba-Payne

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