

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
HELD THURSDAY, February 6, 2023**

**Zoom Meeting:**

<https://bit.ly/3s8k4Vh>

The meeting was called to order at **6:05 p.m.**

Item #1      **Roll Call of Commissioners:**  
Cruz, Williams, Farrow, Lyons and Roach.

**Also present:** Captain Manuel Cotto (Department Clerk), Mr. Domenic Costello and Chief Roderick Porter.

a. None

b. A moment of silence was observed for retired Police Detective Jeffrey Streck, who passed away on January 24, 2023.

**C and D.** On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the Board unanimously voted to combine and approve items **1C and 1D.**

Item #2      **Reports:**

a. **Chief:** Chief Porter addressed the Board and gave updates on the crime stats. He spoke about the Department's new initiatives regarding quality of life issues. He started new walking details. The Chief also spoke about the civilianization of several Department positions. The Department is actively recruiting to fill empty positions and the Chief anticipates possible back to back or staggered academy classes. He recently attended a meeting with the Mayor regarding strengthening gun laws. The Department is in the process of starting a 360 degree survey. The Chief spoke about his "Chief Porters Corner" Facebook weekly meetings with the public and he answered questions from the Board.

b. **Union:** Not in attendance

c. **OIA:** Not in attendance

d. **Clerk:** Notification was given for one new Barros case and one Second Step hearing.

Item #3      **New Business:**

a. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the Board voted unanimously table this police request and address any questions regarding the policy to Captain Cotto directly.

b. Commissioner Roach recruited Commissioners Cruz and Williams to join a new group to discuss the towing concerns.

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- Item #4      **Old Business:**  
a. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the Board voted unanimously to transfer Sergeant John Klesyk out of Internal Affairs effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Item #6      **Correspondence:**  
a. None

- Item #7      **Letters of Appreciation:**  
a. A commendation letter from Dr. Carolyn Nah was read about the help she received from Officer Antonio Molina.  
  
b. An email from Ms. Erin McAllister was read about the help she received from Officer Brian Pisanelli and Officer Ronald Mercado.

- Item #8      **Widow's Pension:**  
a. See Below

- Item#9      **City Engineer's Office**  
a. Approvals  
  
i. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the Board voted unanimously to approve item 9ai.  
  
b. Denials  
  
i. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board unanimously voted to approve the traffic engineer's recommendation to deny items 9bi.  
  
ii and iii. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the Board unanimously voted to combine and approve the traffic engineer's recommendation to deny items 9bii and 9biii.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the regular meeting at **7:05 p.m.**

BOARD RECONVENES AS THE TRUSTEE OF THE POLICE RELIEF FUND  
“Plan-B”

**Roll call of Officers for the Pension “B”:**

Williams, Cruz, Farrow, Lyons and Roach

1. On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the Board unanimously voted to table item 1 and get an opinion from the City Attorney.
2. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the Board unanimously voted to adjust the pensions payments for Ms. Barbara Streck.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the regular meeting at **7:11 p.m.**

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