

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Roll call of Commissioners:** Roach, Cruz, Diaz, Williams, Lyons and Farrow.

Also in attendance: Captain Manuel Cotto (Department Clerk), Sergeant Joel Carley, Chief Roderick Porter, Captain Kevin Gilleran, Lieutenant Bradford Seely, Officer Juan Vicens, Attorney Linda Cronin and Mr. Domenic Costello.

**1. Call to order – Roll Call of Commissioners:**

- a. Pledge of Allegiance - none (no flag on Zoom)
- b. A moment of silence was observed for retired Police Officer Terrance Lambert, who passed away on December 21, 2022.
- c. On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the Board unanimously voted to approve item **1c**.

**2. Reports:**

**a. Chief of Police:**

Chief Porter presented an overview of the latest crime stats and stated the overall crime in the City is down. The Chief has implemented several special details from Patrol on each shift. These details are focusing on the quality of life issues and working with the community.

The Chief reported he is in the process of working on several contingency plans to be prepared if there is a mass number of retirements in the PD. An academy class of 24 recruits will begin training on Monday, March 27, 2023. He is anticipating another class to start in a couple of months and wants to have another class being run simultaneously.

The Chief spoke about the new technology program that will help with real-time crime stats.

The Chief had Captain Kevin Gilleran speak about the progress of several ongoing investigations. Captain Gilleran also reported he expects approximately a 15% reduction in detectives due to retirements.

Both Chief Porter and Captain Gilleran conducted a Q and A session with the Board.

**b. Union:**

Lieutenant Seely had nothing to report

**c. Internal Affairs Quarterly Report:**

Not in attendance

**d. Clerk's report on the status of pending matters:**

A Notification of 1 Barros Discipline Case and 1 Second Step request was presented to the Board. Due to conflicting schedules, there are no dates scheduled to address these cases.

**3. New Business:**

None

**4. Old Business:**

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve policy 5.08.
- b. Item b was addressed during the Plan B portion of the meeting

**6. Correspondence:**

- a. None

**7. Letters of Appreciation:**

- a. none

**8. Widow's Pension:**

- a. See Plan B below.

**9. City Engineer's Office:**

**a. A request of the City Engineer's Office to approve the following traffic request:**

- i. On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the Board voted unanimously to combine all of the traffic items and approve.

**b. A request of the City Engineer's Office not to approve the following traffic requests:**

- i. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve item 9bi.
- ii-v. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the Board voted unanimously to combine items ii-v and table these items until letters from the landlords can be presented at a future BOPC meeting

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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

Roll call of Commissioners: Roach, Cruz, Diaz, Williams, Lyons and Farrow also in attendance Lieutenant Bradford Seely (Union) and Officer Juan Vicens (Union).

1. On a motion by Lieutenant Seely and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the Board and Union voted unanimously to approve item 1.

On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board and Union voted unanimously to reconsider the approval of item 1 for further discussion.

After further discussion, a motion by Officer Vicens and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board and the Union voted unanimously to approve item 1 and grant the widower a full disability pension for Plan B.

2. On a motion by Officer Vicens and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the Board and the Union voted unanimously to approve item 2 and grant the widower a full disability pension for Plan B.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the Board and Union voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:15 PM.

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