

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

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

Also in attendance: Captain Manuel Cotto (Department Clerk), Sergeant Joel Carley, Mr. Domenic Costello, Attorney Eroll Skyers and Attorney Linda Cronin.

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 Charles Mack, who passed away on May 1, 2023.
- c. A moment of silence was observed for retired Police Officer Norman Barnum, who passed away on May 1, 2023.
- d. On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board unanimously voted to combine and approve items 1c and 1d.

2. Reports:

a. Chief of Police:

Chief Roderick Porter addressed the Board. He reported crime in the city is down 5%, although the Homicides are slightly up. He provided some brief updates on the uniqueness of the cases.

Chief Porter also reported the department is starting to see the anticipated retirements starting as officers are leaving each week up to July 1st. He did state the department has some contingency plans to implement if the staffing continues to fall. There are currently twenty-three recruits in the academy that will graduate in September. The police department is trying to get recruits in other academies as well as a fall start date for another Bridgeport class.

The concluded with a Q&A session with the BOPC.

b. Union:

None

c. Internal Affairs Quarterly Report:

None

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

Notification of 3 new Baros cases. A Baros Hearing date was set for June 21, 2023.

3. New Business:

4. Old Business:

- i. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the Board voted to uphold the engineer's decision. Commissioner Farrow voted against it.

6. Correspondence:

- a. None

7. Letters of Appreciation:

- a. none

8. Widow's Pension:

- a. None

9. City Engineer's Office:

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

i-iii. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the Board voted unanimously to combine all 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 Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to table item 9bi until the next month's meeting.

Adjournment 1855:

On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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