

## **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

June 28, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Bridgeport City Hall Wheeler Rooms

### **MINUTES.**

Commissioner Plummer called the Special Meeting of the Civil Service Commission to order at 1:44 p.m. Present were Commissioners Falberg and Rodgers; Personnel Director David Dunn; Clerk to the Commission Deborah Brelsford; Atty. John Mitola; Police Deputy Chief James Honis; Atty. Thomas Bucci, Captain Rebecca Garcia, OIA; Lt. Brian Dickerson, OIA; Sgt. Tjuana Bradley-Webb, OIA; Sgt. Santiago Llanos, OIA; Sgt. John Burke, OIA; Mr. Cesar Chavarriaga, Ms. Jasmine Chavarriaga, Mr. Jonathan Mendez, Ms. Blanca Garcia, Ms. Josie Martinez, Mr. Michael Dinihanian, Ms. Katherine Azana, Mr. Arlindo Dossantos; Atty. Mark Anastasi (3:46 p.m.)

### **CALL TO ORDER.**

Commissioner Plummer called the meeting at 1:41 p.m. A quorum was present.

Mr. Dunn said that OIA had received an email from the State Police about the POST (Police Officers Standards and Training Council) requirements. Mr. Dunn said that Lt. Dickerson would be citing some of the qualifications listed in the requirement. Lt. Dickerson said the State has an entry levels background process and quoted two POST 51 forms requirements for certification for a police officer. There are a total of five pages of requirements. Mr. Dunn said that he believed that the Commission was in compliance with the Post requirements and said that the polygraphists were aware of the requirements.

Atty. Mitola said that the new POST requirement is that Chief of Police and the candidate have to sign off on a document attesting to the fact that the candidate is in compliance. There is also a 300 meter dash that will be included in the physical portion. The POST requirements outline everything from the education to the physical requirement. Captain Garcia pointed out that everyone at the Academy must also sign this form.

**The Commission has received a request for an appeal from Mr. Cesar Chavarriaga regarding his disqualification based on habits and conduct from entry level Police Officer #2330. He is represented by Atty. Thomas Bucci.**

Mr. Chavarriaga stated that he wished to have his appeal hearing held in Executive Session.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER RODGERS MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER FALBERG SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commissioners, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Brelsford, Deputy Chief Honis, Captain Garcia, OIA; Lt Dickerson, OIA; Atty. Mitola, Atty. Bucci, Ms. Jasmine Chavarriaga, Sgt. Bradley-Webb and other members of OIA entered into Executive Session at 1:51 p.m. They returned to public session at 2:21 p.m.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER PLUMMER ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO VOTE:**

**COMMISSIONER RODGERS VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.  
COMMISSIONER FALBERG VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.**

**\*\* THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DENIED THE APPEAL REQUEST FROM MR. CESAR CHAVARRIAGA REGARDING HIS DISQUALIFICATION BASED ON HABITS AND CONDUCT FROM ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER #2330.**

**The Commission has received a request for an appeal from Mr. Jonathan Mendez regarding his disqualification based on habits and conduct from entry level Police Officer #2330. He is represented by Atty. Thomas Bucci.**

Mr. Mendez stated that he wished to have his appeal hearing held in Executive Session.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER RODGERS MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.  
\*\* COMMISSIONER FALBERG SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commissioners, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Brelsford, Deputy Chief Honis, Captain Garcia, Lt Dickerson, OIA; Atty. Mitola, Atty. Bucci, Ms. Blanco Garcia, Sgt. Bradley-Webb and other members of OIA entered into Executive Session at 2:24 p.m. They returned to public session at 3:02 p.m.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER PLUMMER ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO VOTE:**

**COMMISSIONER RODGERS VOTED TO GRANT THE APPEAL.  
COMMISSIONER FALBERG VOTED TO GRANT THE APPEAL.**

**\*\* THE COMMISSION GRANTED THE APPEAL REQUEST FROM MR. JONATHAN MENDEZ REGARDING HIS DISQUALIFICATION BASED ON HABITS AND CONDUCT FROM ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER #2330.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER FALBERG SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**RECESS**

Commissioner Plummer called at recess at 3:04 p.m. He reconvened the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

**The Commission has received a request for an appeal from Ms. Josie Martinez regarding her disqualification based on habits and conduct from entry level Police Officer #2330. She is represented by Atty. Thomas Bucci.**

Ms. Martinez stated that she wished to have her appeal hearing held in Executive Session.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER FALBERG MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.  
\*\* COMMISSIONER ROGERS SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commissioners, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Brelsford, Deputy Chief Honis, Captain Garcia, Lt Dickerson, OIA; Atty. Mitola, Atty. Bucci, Sgt. Bradley-Webb and other members of OIA entered into Executive Session at 3:11 p.m. They returned to public session at 3:26 p.m.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER PLUMMER ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO VOTE:**

**COMMISSIONER RODGERS VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.  
COMMISSIONER FALBERG VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.**

**\*\* THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DENIED THE APPEAL REQUEST FROM MS. JOSIE MARTINEZ REGARDING HER DISQUALIFICATION BASED ON HABITS AND CONDUCT FROM ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER #2330.**

**The Commission has received a request for an appeal from Mr. Michael Dinihanian regarding his disqualification based on habits and conduct from entry level Police Officer #2330. He is represented by Atty. Thomas Bucci.**

Mr. Dinihanian stated that he wished to have his appeal hearing held in Executive Session.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER RODGERS MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.  
\*\* COMMISSIONER FALBERG SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commissioners, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Brelsford, Deputy Chief Honis, Captain Garcia, Lt Dickerson, OIA; Atty. Mitola, Atty. Bucci, Sgt. Bradley-Webb and other members of OIA entered into Executive Session at 3:29 p.m.

*Atty. Mark Anastasi joined the meeting at 3:47 p.m.*

They returned to public session at 3:53 p.m.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER PLUMMER ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO VOTE:**

**COMMISSIONER RODGERS VOTED TO GRANT THE APPEAL.  
COMMISSIONER FALBERG VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.  
COMMISSIONER PLUMMER VOTED TO GRANT THE APPEAL.**

**\*\* THE COMMISSION GRANTED THE APPEAL REQUEST FROM MR. MICHAEL DINIHANIAN REGARDING HIS DISQUALIFICATION BASED ON HABITS AND CONDUCT FROM ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER #2330.**

*Captain Garcia, Sgt. Burke, Sgt. Bradley-Webb left the meeting at 3:54 p.m.*

**The Commission has received a request for an appeal from Ms. Katherine Azana regarding her disqualification based on habits and conduct from entry level Police Officer #2330. She is represented by Atty. Thomas Bucci.**

She stated that she wished to have her appeal hearing held in Executive Session.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER RODGERS MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER FALBERG SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commissioners, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Brelsford, Deputy Chief Honis, Lt Dickerson, Sgt. Llanos, Atty. Anastasi, Atty. Bucci and Ms. Azana entered into Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. They returned to public session at 4:10 p.m.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER PLUMMER ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO VOTE:**

**COMMISSIONER RODGERS VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.  
COMMISSIONER FALBERG VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.**

**\*\* THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DENIED THE APPEAL REQUEST FROM MS. KATHERINE AZANA REGARDING HER DISQUALIFICATION**

**BASED ON HABITS AND CONDUCT FROM ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER #2330.**

**The Commission has received a request for an appeal from Mr. Arlindo Dossantos regarding his disqualification based on habits and conduct from entry level Police Officer #2330. He is represented by Atty. Thomas Bucci.**

Mr. Dossantos stated that he wished to have his appeal hearing held in Executive Session.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER RODGERS MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER FALBERG SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commissioners, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Brelsford, Deputy Chief Honis, Captain Lt Dickerson, OIA; Sgt. Llanos, Atty. Anastasi, Atty. Bucci entered into Executive Session at 4:11 p.m. They returned to public session at 4:23 p.m.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER EMANUEL MOVED TO TABLE THE REQUEST FOR AN APPEAL FROM MR. ARLINDO DOSSANTOS REGARDING HIS DISQUALIFICATION BASED ON HABITS AND CONDUCT FROM ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER #2330 PENDING A REVIEW OF THE PROCESS.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER RODGERS SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER FALBERG MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER RODGERS SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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