

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

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This meeting was called to order at **6:02 PM**

1. Roll Call of Commissioners: Williams, Diaz, Lyons, Roach, Farrow

Also in attendance: Chief Roderick Porter, Lieutenant Stacey Lyons (Administrative Lieutenant), Delores Burrell, Council Member Enida Martinez

- a. Pledge of Allegiance – none (no flag on Zoom)
- b. On a motion by Commissioner Lyons, and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve item 1b.

2. Reports:

- a. **Chief of Police:** Chief Roderick Porter addressed Crime stats stating that the year-to-date Crime has increased .05 % on part one crimes, but the Department is working on a plan to decrease those numbers before the end of the year. Shooting incidents decreased nearly 40%, nonfatal shooting victims are down approx. 42%, and fatal shooting victims are down by approx. 31% for the year. Though Motor vehicle thefts have a slightly increased in the past year, this past week numbers were even with last years. The Department will continue partnering with surrounding cities to focus on reducing motor vehicle thefts. Chief Porter stating a Public Service Announcement was released regarding some the causes of motor vehicle thefts, including leaving the keys in the cars. He stated homicides are down 47% from last year. Chief Porter announced that 9 Sergeants were promoted and that the department will plan formal promotional ceremony in the future. The new sergeants will have with a 6-month probation and be assigned to Patrol. The first 15 on the Sergeants list attended a first line supervisor training and a ten-week legal updated training. Chief Porter announced that Assistance Chief John Cueto has started and that his primary focus will be Support Services Operations. The Chief thanked Commissioners Cruz and Diaz on attending the Domestic Violence Symposium. Chief Porter discussed the Domestic Violence Vigil which was held at the Amphitheater to bring awareness to domestic violence issues. Chief Porter discussed the Police Accountability Symposium on October 29th at the University of Bridgeport, with guest speakers from The Inspector General's Office, The Office of

Internal Affairs, and Labor Relations to speak about the roles they play. Chief Porter announced that he received the last draft of the Matrix Personal Study. Chief Porter discussed how Council members and Commissioners can receive a breakdown of the Study. Chief Porter addressed the need for a Police Headquarters and stated we are working with the Mayor's Office and CAOs office to put studies together. Chief Porter stated he created an internal committee to discuss what is needed in a Police Headquarters. Chief Porter discussed the incident involving a Mental Health Patient that stabbed an officer causing her to sustain injuries. Chief Porter mentioned that all officers on scene are being provided with support and resources, including the Peer Support Team. Chief Porter discussed that Lieutenant Stacey Lyons completed an evaluation on officers who have been on extended sick and injured, to see the potential for them to return to full duty. Chief Porter discussed community engagement programs at 4 libraries where the captains within the department will speak to the community. Chief Porter stated that in the future other libraries will be involved and used for Community Engagement Programs. Commissioner Lyons suggested all future Community Engagement Programs should be advertised more. Chief Porter stated that the events were advertised via multiple social media and media platforms. Commissioner Roach congratulated the Chief on the statistics, appointment of John Cueto, and to the Detective Bureau for making progress on break ins in the Black Rock area. Commissioner Roach mentioned that the Bridgeport Housing Authority plans on building 18 units by the academy. Commissioner Williams inquired if the officers that were involved in the shooting had a social worker with them. Chief Porter stated that there was not one at that time. Commissioner Williams inquired about officers returning to work after extended leave. The Chief mentioned about there are requirements for officers to come back to work full duty. Chief Porter stated that to date there are 318 officers, including the 26 in the academy, and that Internal Affairs is processing backgrounds for a new class in the spring.

b. Union: None

c. Internal Affairs: None

Commissioner Roach noted Sergeant Jessi Pizarro's retiring and that the Board will need to address his replacement.

d. Clerks Report:

- i. Lieutenant Lyons addresses the Board about the (2) Barros Hearings.
 - 1. Date to be decided at another time
 - 2. Date to be decided at another time

3. New Business:

- a. Councilmember Enida Martinez addresses the Board regarding the officer involved shooting and believes Officers should be recognized for good deeds monthly. Councilmember Martinez addresses fraudulent handicap signs. Councilmember Martinez stated the signs don't have the City of Bridgeport Sticker on the back and inquired how to enforce/eliminate them. Councilmember Martinez spoke about the tractor trailers that are being ticketed and will be working with the attorneys to get the ordinance changed for parking hours. Councilmember Martinez spoke how there is no place in the city to tow the trucks and that booting the trucks is a possibility. Commissioner Roach asked for Councilmember Martinez to give him a list of the fraudulent signs.
- b. Councilmember Denise Taylor Moye did not attend this Board meeting.
- c. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Williams the Board unanimously voted to approve item 3c.

4. Old Business:

- a-b. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the Board voted unanimously to combine and table 4a-b.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Letters of Appreciation: None

7. Widows Pension: None

8. City Engineer's Recommendation:

a. Request of the City Traffic Engineer's Office to Approve the Following:

- i-v On a Motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow the Board unanimously voted to combine and approve items 8ai-v.

b. Request of the City Traffic Engineer's Office Not to Approve the Following:

- i-iv On a Motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Farrow the Board unanimously voted to combine and not to approve 8bi-iv.

Adjournment: On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Farrow the Board unanimous sly voted to adjourn at **6:53 PM**

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