

1 CITY OF NEW HAVEN

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2 DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE  
3 BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

4 SPECIAL MEETING  
5 MAY 16, 2023  
6 6:17 p.m.

7 HELD VIA: ZOOM

8 RE: INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION 22I-046

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10 Present:

11 Commissioner Evelise Ribeiro, Chair  
12 Commissioner Donald Walker, Vice Chair  
13 Commissioners Darrell Brooks,  
14 Isaias Miranda, Michael Lawlor

15 Eva Perry-Lambert, Administrative Assistant  
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1                   CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO:  It's 6:18 p.m.  
2  I will call to order the special meeting of May 2023.  
3  This is a special meeting of the Board of Police  
4  Commissioners taking place on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at  
5  6 o'clock p.m.  The purpose of the meeting is to  
6  discuss personal matters, consideration on the  
7  recommendation from Chief Karl Jacobson to terminate  
8  Officer Oscar Diaz, Internal Affairs Investigation  
9  22I-046.

10                   I just wanted to note for the record  
11  this is a hearing to hear the matter and consider, and  
12  we will vote at a later date, but we will, of course,  
13  follow the proper procedures.

14                   First, let me back up and let me  
15  state for the record, commissioners in attendance,  
16  myself, Commissioner Ribeiro; Commissioner Meares;  
17  Commissioner Miranda; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner  
18  Lawlor, and Commissioner Walker.

19                   Do we have attorneys for the police  
20  department and for the union here?

21                   MR. DUGAS:  Attorney Floyd Dugas  
22  representing the administration.

23                   MR. MENT:  Jeffrey Ment, and I'm  
24  here with Officer Diaz.

25                   CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO:  How do you

1 spell your last name?

2 MR. MENT: Ment, M-e-n-t.

3 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Would you like  
4 for this matter to be in open or closed session?

5 MR. MENT: Yes, ma'am, we'd like it  
6 in a closed session.

7 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioners,  
8 you heard that the union would like this in a closed  
9 session. I'll entertain a motion to go into executive  
10 session to hear the personal matter.

11 COMMISSIONER WALKER: I'll make a  
12 motion that we go into executive session to hear the  
13 personal matter.

14 COMMISSIONER LAWLER: Second.

15 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Okay. We have  
16 a motion and a second. Any discussion?

17 THE COURT REPORTER: Excuse me, this  
18 is the court reporter. I have no idea who's speaking.

19 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: My apologies.  
20 Commissioner Walker, Donald Walker, made the motion and  
21 Commissioner Michael Lawlor seconded it.

22 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Any  
23 discussion? All those in favor of the motion signify  
24 by saying aye.

25 (All in favor, none opposed.)

1 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Motion

2 carried.

3 For the minutes, the ayes are  
4 Commissioner Donald Walker, Commissioner Tracy Meares,  
5 Commissioner Donald Brooks, Commissioner Michael  
6 Lawlor, Commissioner Isaias Miranda, and myself,  
7 Commissioner Evelise Ribeiro.

8 Before we go into executive session,  
9 Mr. Dugas, do you have any anyone who will be providing  
10 testimony?

11 MR. DUGAS: Providing testimony will  
12 be Sergeant Rosa Melendez and also Chief Jacobson.

13 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay.

14 MR. DUGAS: And assisting with video  
15 will be Chief Manmeet Colon.

16 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Attorney  
17 Ment, do you have anyone providing testimony?

18 MR. MENT: Just myself. My client  
19 is not testifying tonight. I will be speaking on our  
20 behalf.

21 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: I'm going to  
22 invite into the room -- and then if I'm missing  
23 someone, please let me know. I'm going to invite the  
24 commissioners, Chief Jacobson, of course; Sergeant  
25 Melendez. We're going to have CAO Rush-Kittle,

1 Attorney Duprey, Assistant Chief Zannelli, Assistant  
2 Chief Bhagtana. And for the union Attorney Ment with  
3 his client, Officer Oscar Diaz. We're also going to  
4 have the union president, Florencio Cotto; vice  
5 president, Jonathan Lambe; and Lieutenant Smith from  
6 Internal Affairs. Did I mention CAO Rush-Kittle? I  
7 wasn't sure if I mentioned her or not. Am I missing  
8 anyone else?

9 With that being said, if you can put  
10 us all in the executive session, we'd most appreciate  
11 it.

12 (Whereupon, the Hearing went into  
13 Executive Session from 6:22 p.m. until 8:51 p.m.)

14 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Do we have a  
15 motion to come out of executive session?

16 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Madam Chair, I  
17 move that we come out of executive session.

18 COMMISSIONER MEARES: I second.

19 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: It was moved  
20 by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner  
21 Meares. Any discussion?

22 All those in favor signify by saying  
23 aye.

24 (All in favor, none opposed, no  
25 abstentions.)

1                   CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Motion  
2 carries.

3                   Commissioners, on the personal  
4 matter consideration on the recommendation from Chief  
5 Karl Jacobson to terminate Officer Oscar Diaz, Internal  
6 Affairs Investigation 22I-046, what is your pleasure?

7                   COMMISSIONER WALKER: I make a  
8 motion that we table the decision to follow the chief's  
9 recommendation to remove Officer Diaz at this time.

10                  CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We have a  
11 motion by Commissioner Walker to table. Do we have a  
12 second?

13                  COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Commissioner  
14 Brooks seconds that motion.

15                  CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Any  
16 discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye.

17                                 (All in favor, none opposed, no  
18 abstentions.)

19                  CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Motion  
20 carries.

21                                 I just want to note that I stated in  
22 the past, the commissioners do reserve the right to  
23 table this matter and to come back at a later date to  
24 consider -- to actually take the vote, so we will let  
25 you know when that date will be. It will be publicly

1 noticed, as it should be. So that concludes our  
2 business for this evening. Commissioners, what is your  
3 pleasure?

4 COMMISSIONER WALKER: I make a  
5 motion we adjourn.

6 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Second.

7 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Motion to  
8 adjourn by Commissioner Brooks -- I'm sorry, Walker.  
9 And seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Any discussion?  
10 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

11 (All in favor, none opposed, no  
12 abstentions.)

13 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Motion  
14 carries. Thank you, Commissioners, for your time.  
15 Thank you to everyone; the attorneys, chief, and staff  
16 for this evening and please enjoy the rest of your  
17 evening and the rest of your week. Goodnight,  
18 everyone.

19 (Whereupon, the Hearing was  
20 adjourned at 8:54 p.m.)

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I, DEBRA A. CHASSE, Court Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of Connecticut, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify the foregoing pages are a true and accurate transcription of the Special Meeting - Board of Police Commissioners, on the 16th day of May, 2023 via Zoom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal this 30th day of May, 2023.



Debra A. Chasse, CSR  
Notary Public  
State of Connecticut

My Commission Expires:  
June 30, 2026  
CSR No. 00055