

REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 13, 2023
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND CONFERENCE CALL VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Commissioners Darrell Brooks; Tracey Meares; Isaias Miranda; and Evelise Ribeiro

Chief Karl Jacobson: Department of Police Service
Assistant Chief Manmeet Bhagtana: Department of Police Service
Assistant Chief David Zannelli: Department of Police Service
Captain Rose Dell: Department of Police Service
Lieutenant Dana Smith: Department of Police Service
Sergeant Yelena Borisova: Department of Police Service
Sergeant Paul Finch: Department of Police Service
Officer D. Cohen: Department of Police Service
Officer Reginald McGlotten: Department of Police Service
Asia Johnson-Clark: Administrative Assistant

Michelle Duprey, Esquire: Deputy Corporation Counsel
Regina Rush-Kittle: Chief Administrative Officer
Bruce Fischer: Traffic Authority

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1 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: And I will call the
2 meeting of the Traffic Authority to order. Good
3 evening, everyone, and welcome. We will start --
4 entertain a motion for approval of the Agenda for the
5 Traffic Authority.

6 COMMISSIONER MEARES: I'll move it.

7 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Second.

8 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. We have a motion
9 by Commissioner Meares and a second by Commissioner
10 Miranda. Any discussion. All those in favor,
11 signify by saying, aye.

12 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Aye

13 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Opposed? Abstentions?
16 Motion carry. I just want to back up for a second.
17 The attendance for this evening are myself,
18 Commissioner Ribeiro. We have Commissioner Tracey
19 Meares, Commissioner Isaias Miranda, Commissioner
20 Darrell Brooks and Commissioner Donald Walker. And
21 Commissioner Michael Lawlor will not be joining us
22 this evening.

23 Okay. Moving on. I'll entertain a motion for
24 approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April
25 11th, 2023.

1 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: So moved, Madam Chair.

2 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Second.

3 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: I'll second.

4 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. We have a motion
5 by Commissioner Brooks and a second by Commissioner
6 Meares. Any discussion? Okay. All those in favor,
7 signify by saying, aye.

8 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Sorry. And those opposed
12 signify by saying, nay. Okay. Abstentions? Motion
13 carry.

14 Well move on to the actions items. Bruce.

15 MR. FISCHER: Can someone put the agenda up on
16 screen please?

17 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Asia, do you have access
18 to do that? Perfect.

19 MR. FISCHER: The first item is a request of the
20 alder from the Ninth Ward, Alder Herrera, to
21 establish bike lanes in the section that was just
22 paved in the last two weeks. That would be -- or
23 excuse me. Edward -- the section of Edward Street
24 between State Street and Orange Street. We would
25 establish both -- bike lanes in both directions from

1 State Street to Orange Street. And the next --

2 If you go two sheets, you can see the drawing
3 for that please.

4 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. So it's just one
5 way that you're trying to --

6 MR. FISCHER: No.

7 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Or you're trying to
8 establish on both sides?

9 MR. FISCHER: There would be bike laned on
10 both -- in both directions. Here we go.

11 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Is the street wide enough
12 to accommodate --

13 MR. FISCHER: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: -- both?

15 MR. FISCHER: 345 EY, they have two -- two five-
16 foot bike lanes and two 10-foot vehicular travel
17 lanes and about two seven and half-foot parking lanes
18 on either side.

19 COMMISSIONER MEARES: It's a wide street.

20 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. Just checking.

21 Any other questions, Commissioners? Okay. What's
22 your pleasure?

23 MR. FISCHER: Did we -- did we get a motion on
24 that?

25 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: No, that's -- we are

1 going to take it now. Is there a motion?

2 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: So moved, Madam Chairman,
3 the item.

4 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: We have a second?

5 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: I'll second.

6 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. Moved by
7 Commissioner Brooks and seconded Commissioner
8 Miranda. Okay. Any further discussion? All those
9 in favor signify by saying, aye.

10 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Opposed? Abstentions?
13 Motion carry. We'll move on Item 2.

14 MR. FISCHER: Item 2 is our standard request and
15 we have 11 items -- requests. We didn't last month.
16 So they go from 20 Compton, 215 Edgewood, 27 Eld, 52
17 Goffe Terrace, 429 Huntington, 37 Judson, 230 (sic)
18 Lenox, 709 Orchard Street, 104 Rowe, 189 Winthrop and
19 29 White. All requests from persons with
20 disabilities.

21 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. Commissioners,
22 what is your pleasure?

23 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Madam Chair, could --
24 could Bruce repeat the address on Orchard Street? I
25 didn't hear the numerical.

1 MR. FISCHER: 709 Orchard.

2 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Thank you. Madam Chair, I
3 move the item.

4 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Second.

5 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Oaky. Moved by
6 Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner
7 Meares. Any further discussion? Okay. All those in
8 favor please signify by saying, aye.

9 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Opposed? Abstentions?
13 Motion carry.

14 MR. FISCHER: Thank you very much. I appreciate
15 your time.

16 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay, thank you. Is
17 there a Motion for Adjournment?

18 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Madam Chair, I move that
19 we adjourn this month's meeting of the Traffic -- it
20 is Authority?

21 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Second, Madam Chair.

23 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Any discussion? Okay.
24 All those in favor signify by saying, aye?

25 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Opposed? Abstentions?

4 Motion carries. It is 6:10 p.m. And I will call to
5 order the Board of Police Commissioners meeting. As
6 stated earlier, in attendance, myself, Commissioner
7 Ribeiro, Commissioner Meares, Commissioner Brooks,
8 Commissioner Miranda and Commissioner Walker. And
9 Commissioner Lawlor had been excused from the meeting
10 this evening.

11 We'll first go to the agenda. I'll entertain a
12 motion for the approval of the agenda for the Board
13 of Police Commissioners.

14 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: So moved.

15 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Second.

16 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. Moved by
17 Commissioner Miranda, seconded by Commissioner
18 Meares. Any discussion? Okay. All those in favor
19 please signify by saying, aye?

20 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Opposed? Abstentions?

24 Motion carry. We'll move on to the minutes. I'll
25 entertain a motion to approve the regular meeting

1 minutes of May 9th, 2023.

2 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: So moved.

3 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Second.

4 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. We have a motion
5 and second. Any discussion? All those in favor
6 please signify by saying, aye.

7 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Opposed? Abstentions?
11 Okay, motion carries. I entertain a motion for the
12 approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of May 16,
13 2023.

14 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: So moved, Madam Chair.

15 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Second.

16 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. Motion by
17 Commissioner Brooks, seconded by Commissioner Meares.
18 Any discussion? All those in favor signify by
19 saying, aye.

20 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Opposed? Abstentions?

24 Motion carry. Thank you. We'll move on to the
25 Chief's Report.

1 CHIEF JACOBSON: Good evening, Commissioners.
2 I wanted to start by thanking this Commission for all
3 the crazy meetings we've asked you for, all the
4 extended hours. There's been a lot going on.
5 There's a lot going on. And it's important stuff. I
6 wanted to start by thanking the Commission for
7 allowing us to schedule meetings to get people on
8 board to get removals, to get hirings. We've been,
9 you know, trying to hire like crazy.

10 We've got a couple of more academies coming up
11 that we are trying to fill with people. And then,
12 hopefully, the end of September we will be looking to
13 fill 20 or 30 in our own academy. So it's a been a
14 crazy schedule. And I just wanted to thank the
15 commissioners and all the people involved in the
16 Board of Commission meetings.

17 We are going to start with our violence numbers.
18 And right now, in 2023 we have 39 fatal shootings and
19 12 homicides. So 42 people have been shot in the
20 city. This time last we had 45 non-fatal shootings
21 with five homicides. So 50 people were shot -- have
22 been shot last year at this time.

23 Unfortunately, more people have succumbed to
24 their injuries at this time. But a lot of the hard
25 work we are doing like Custom Notifications and

1 personal visits at people's houses, gun arrests are
2 working. We are seeing a decrease in some of the
3 violent crime numbers as we come into a time when we
4 normally see an increase.

5 That being said, our guns numbers, we've seized
6 a 142 guns this year. So far crime guns. Last year
7 at this was a 121. We don't see any big change in
8 ghost guns. We seized 20 so far this year, 21 last
9 year.

10 We just had two murder cases solved last week on
11 11/6/2022 at 162 Bassett Street. We had the murder
12 of Allen Freeman which was a robbery gone bad in
13 which he was shot and murdered.

14 Last week we arrest Chamar Kelley who is known
15 gang member who has been involved in several
16 different incidents that we are investigating. So he
17 was already in custody for guns charges and other
18 charges. So he'll remain in custody on the murder
19 warrant.

20 And then another 2020 murder was solved last
21 week as well from November 17, 2020. The location
22 was 55 Grey Street. It was the murder of Tylee
23 Bellamy, also felony murder in commission of a
24 robbery. Arrested was Jonathan Frater who is
25 originally from Hartford. We thank the Hartford

1 Police Department for a lot of the help they provided
2 us in -- in solving these.

3 We have some major retirements coming up. We
4 actually lost three other officers to other
5 departments and we lost three recruits who we put
6 into the academy. And due to the tough start to an
7 academy they decided to not continue. So we lost six
8 officers technically there.

9 Last month we lost Officer Al Acosta to
10 retirement. He was a classmate of mine, real good
11 guy. He was our Beat 1 guy. He stood out in front
12 of the PD and greeted people and took reports. I
13 think one year he took 300 reports from that
14 position. Great guy. He will be lost. And then
15 Miriam Garcia, female officer, who worked in the Hill
16 for several years and went on to Detention and played
17 a big role in the police department.

18 The other retirements coming up this month are
19 Tye Robinson. Tye is also classmate of mine, worked
20 in Dixwell and Newhallville his whole career.
21 Excellent cop. He will be missed. Lieutenant Rosa
22 who is now the District 2, Westville, manger, he is
23 retiring and Captain Healy who is currently the OIC
24 of the Investigative Services Division. Healy --

25 Captain Healy will be replaced by this three

1 supervisors that have been working in that role from
2 the beginning which is Justin Marshal, Gary Harmel
3 and Lieutenant Warner. Those three are -- are
4 running subdivisions of the bureau. And they'll
5 report directly to Assistant Chief Ettiienne due to
6 the fact that we are short. So we are going to have
7 them report directly to Chief Ettiienne. Those three
8 are doing a tremendous job in the bureau. The bureau
9 is moving in the right direction.

10 Lieutenant Rosa will be temporarily replaced by
11 Lieutenant Borer who will take on the duties of not
12 only District 1 but District 2. We're -- we are
13 really trying to keep Patrol supervisors in the
14 Patrol for the summer. Since we have new officers
15 we don't want to move those Patrol supervisors to
16 districts as of yet. But I hope in the fall I'll be
17 able to move some of the supervisors back out to the
18 districts. And we have some good potential people to
19 take that over. But in the meantime Lieutenant Borer
20 has done a great job with District 1. And he is
21 ready and willing to do District 2 as well.

22 We've recently done a lot of community events.
23 The Freddy Fixer Parade was excellent. It was a
24 great community event. We had our motors. We had
25 our -- our -- our -- we had our assistant chiefs,

1 marched as well. And, Chair Ribeiro, thank you for
2 marching with us as well.

3 Chair Ribeiro and AC Ettienne put on a nice
4 dance display at the end which won Chief Ettienne the
5 Spirit Award for the Freddy Fixer Parade. I think
6 he's one of the first police -- definitely first
7 Assistant Chief to win the Spirit Award. So
8 excellent job.

9 We, also, on a solemn note, we attended the
10 Community Garden Readings of the names from gun
11 violence. Let me tell you, if you've never attended
12 that, it's solemn but it's very important. There
13 were several officer there. And I appreciate all the
14 officers that attended. But it reminds us why we do
15 our jobs every day when we read those names.

16 And I just want to conclude, we have a couple of
17 General Orders on the docket for tonight to be
18 approved. And I wanted to thank everybody that works
19 in that capacity. You've got AC Ettienne, AC
20 Bhagtana, the union president, Chip, the union
21 attorney. Commissioner Meares and her crew have been
22 instrumental and Captain Dell.

23 So I appreciate all of you for working hard on
24 those General Orders. It's real -- literally you
25 guys are on point on them. And all I have to do is

1 look at them and sign them at the end.

2 I just appreciate it. They are so important.
3 This is so important moving forwards as a police
4 department to make sure all our General Orders
5 updated and ready to go and ready for accreditation
6 so ...

7 That being said, I'm going to conclude. Any
8 questions from the commissioners.

9 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Well, just on a personal
10 -- I thoroughly enjoyed participating in the parade
11 with the chief and the assistant chiefs. And the
12 crowd just loved, loved them. But I just want to
13 know why I didn't get an award. I was half of the
14 Dancing with the Stars, but I guess I have to take up
15 with the Freddy Fixer Parade Committee.

16 CHIEF JACOBSON: Well, we'll nominate you next
17 year.

18 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Absolutely. But it was
19 -- it was -- it was just a good show for community
20 event. And I just appreciate it. I know you are
21 guys are doing a lot more than just that parade. I
22 know Assistant Chief Zannelli is constantly letting
23 me know what you are doing in the community.

24 I just want to say keep it up because it really
25 does make a difference. The -- the people at the

1 parade were just so excited to see that. And it
2 brought the human side to the police department. So
3 I just want to say keep up the good work with that.

4 CHIEF JACABSON: Thank you, ma'am.

5 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Anything else from
6 anyone? Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Commissioner Miranda --
8 Commissioner Miranda here.

9 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Chief, good evening. And
11 thank you for your report. Just a quick question.
12 Looking at the retirements, there's two supervisor
13 positions retiring. Is there an eligibility list now
14 or is it soon tests for those positions?

15 CHIEF JACOBSON: Yes. So we do have
16 Lieutenants' Eligibility List that ends at the end of
17 this month. So it will be tight to get somebody in.
18 We haven't quite decided on that yet. If we do, it
19 will be a rush. But we have talked to Human
20 Resources about testing for sergeant, lieutenant and
21 captain in the fall, and doing them all together
22 which would be great. And it will be much needed.

23 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: The lieutenant list is at
24 the end of the second year?

25 CHIEF JACOBSON: Yes, it is. The only active

1 list that will make it past this month and actually
2 has another -- till February, 2024 is the detective
3 list which is good because we are short 14 detectives
4 right now. I just don't want to deplete Patrol by
5 moving those 14 officers to the detective.

6 So we hope in the fall to move some detectives
7 and then test for all those other positions. That's
8 the plan.

9 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Was this -- I'm not sure.
10 And I could just be imagining this. But was there
11 something in the -- in the clause for the list that
12 it could be extended like maybe additional three or
13 six months or am I just --

14 CHIEF JACOBSON: Just not after the --

15 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: -- the second year.

16 CHIEF JACOBSON: -- second year. Not after the
17 second year.

18 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: All right. All right,
19 thank you. Anything else?

20 CHIEF JACOBSON: Thank you, Commissioner
21 Miranda.

22 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Yeah. Anything else,
23 Commissioners? Okay. Okay. So we'll move on to
24 Internal Affairs Reports.

25 LIEUTENANT SMITH: Good evening, Madam Chair.

1 Good evening, Commissioners.

2 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Good evening.

3 LIEUTENANT SMITH: I'll start with the Internal
4 Affairs closed case for June. I'm gong to start with
5 23C-026. On April 20th of '23 we received a civil
6 complaint from a Ms. Rodriguez. In her complaint she
7 stated that her cell phone had been seized and she
8 wanted it returned. During the investigation it was
9 determined that her phone was seized on an ongoing
10 active criminal investigation. The disposition was
11 unfounded.

12 Now, I'm going to go on to 22C-053. On the 25th
13 of August -- excuse me, on the 15th of August of 2022
14 we received a civil complaint from a Mr. Melendez.
15 Mr. Melendez appeared to be complaining about our
16 plainclothes Narcotics Division. He stated that the
17 narcotic officer had set him up. The allegations
18 listed by Mr. Melendez in his civil complaint were
19 not corroborated by the incident as captured in auto-
20 body camera footage that was there. The whole
21 entirety of the interaction was captured on auto-body
22 cameras. This also was unfounded.

23 And the last one was 22C-073. On November 16th
24 of 2022 we received a complaint from a Mr. Redding.
25 He stated that he was in a motor vehicle accident on

1 State Street and May. And the officer did not
2 document the incident correctly. He felt that the
3 officer was being biased towards him.

4 The Milestone video provided the necessary
5 coverage of the actual collision and what transpired
6 before the accident to allow the investigators to
7 clearly determine that the vehicle at fault was Mr.
8 Redding, and that the officer did correctly and
9 accurately document the accident. This disposition
10 was unfounded as well.

11 If you have any questions, if not I'll move on
12 to the numbers.

13 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Yeah, you can move on.

14 LIEUTENANT SMITH: Okay. Roger that. We are
15 going to the use-of-force numbers. The use-of-force
16 numbers from this time last year, January to June of
17 2022, we are at 403. Looking at the us-of-force
18 numbers from this year, from January to June of this
19 year, we are down to 133. So we are doing a great
20 job. We are keeping those numbers down and getting
21 them down.

22 We are going to move on to the total complaints
23 as far as for the year. As of June 7th when the
24 report was submitted, we were at a total of 35. At
25 this time last year we were at 29.

1 And moving on to the actual breakdown of the
2 disciplines of the patrol or misconduct
3 investigations. We had one officer who received a
4 15-day suspension. Three officers received a verbal
5 reprimand. One officer received a 10-day suspension
6 in abeyance. One officer received a 5-day
7 suspension. One officer received an 8-day suspension
8 with five days to serve and three days in abeyance.
9 One officer received five days -- a five-day
10 suspension, two days to serve and three in abeyance.
11 And we had two officers that were recently
12 terminated.

13 These are the numbers that I have for Internal
14 Affairs. If you have any questions, I'll be happy to
15 answer them, Madam Chair.

16 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Thank you, Lieutenant.
17 Any questions, Commissioners? Okay. Thank you for
18 your report. Personnel --

19 LIEUTENANT SMITH: Thank you, Madam Chair.

20 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Personnel Matters. Item
21 1: Discussion and action on the recommendation of
22 Chief Karl Jacobson to hire the following candidates
23 from Eligibility List 22-68: No. 33, Patrick Jean-
24 Gilles. Chief?

25 CHIEF JACOBSON: Yes. So we have met with him

1 before. And the commissioners have met with him
2 before. We had him ready to go at one point. And
3 he -- he just missed on the agility. So he is
4 retaking the agility and he is ready to go this time.
5 We believe he will be an excellent candidate for this
6 police department.

7 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. Commissioners,
8 what is your pleasure?

9 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Madam Chair, if I may.
10 I make a motion to follow the recommendation of Chief
11 Jacobson to hire the candidate, No. 33, Patrick
12 Gilles from Eligibility List 22-68.

13 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Second, Madam Chair.

14 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. We have a motion
15 made by Commissioner Miranda and a second by
16 Commissioner Brooks. Any discussion? I do know that
17 the subcommittee did have an opportunity to -- to
18 interview Mr. Gilles. And from my recollection, they
19 were impressed so ... All those in favor of the motion
20 signify by saying, aye.

21 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER RIBIERO: Opposed? Abstentions?
25 Motion carry. I'm not sure if Mr. Gilles is here

1 this evening, but congratulations, Mr. Gilles.

2 MR. GILLES: Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Congratulations.

4 MR. GILES: Thank you.

5 CHIEF JACOBSON: Congratulations.

6 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Item 2. Discussion and
7 action on the recommendation of Chief Karl Jacobson
8 to remove the following candidates from Eligibility
9 List 22-68: No. 67, John Brunetti; No. 68, Ariel
10 Ferrereras; and No. 79, Jasmine Aiken. Sergeant Finch,
11 are the candidates here this evening?

12 SERGEANT FINCH: Good evening. Yes. All three
13 are present.

14 COMMISSIONER RIBIERO: Okay. I'm going to ask
15 each of you if you will like to have your session --
16 I'm sorry, your -- would you like to be heard in open
17 or closed session? Mr. Brunetti, opened or closed?
18 Open means we would hear it in this open forum.
19 Closed means we will go into executive session and it
20 would not be on the record.

21 MR. BRUNETTI: Closed --

22 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Mr. Brunetti, open or
23 closed.

24 MR. BRUNETTI: Closed please.

25 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. Ariel Ferreras,

1 open or closed?

2 MR. FERRERAS: Closed please.

3 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: And Jasmine Aiken, open
4 or closed?

5 MS. AIKEN: Closed please.

6 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. So, then I will
7 entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for
8 Personnel Matters regarding removal from the
9 edibility list.

10 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: So moved.

11 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Second.

12 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. We have a motion
13 and a second. Commissioner Miranda moved the item
14 and Commissioner Meares seconded. Any discussion?
15 Okay. All those in favor, signify by saying, aye.

16 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Aye.

19 COMMISSIOER RIBEIRO: Opposed? Abstentions?

20 Motion carry. So we will go into the breakout room.

21 I invite -- I invite the commissioners. I invite the

22 Chief, Assistant Chief Zannelli, Assistant Chief

23 Bhagtana, Sergeant Finch, Lieutenant Smith, Attorney

24 Duprey, Captain Dell, the background investigators.

25 COMMISSIONER MEARES: AOC Rush-Kittle is here.

1 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. COA Rush-Kittle
2 and I'll also invite -- my notes. Can you help me
3 with the names, Attorney Duprey. I forgot my notes
4 so --

5 ATTY. DUPREY: Yes. Yes, Madam Chair. From my
6 office, Jill Flanagan, Emily Rotondo and Yaoyue Liu.

7 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: All right. So Asia, you
8 can lead us in now. It's just about everybody on the
9 call right there. Oh, the background investigators,
10 just for the record, Officer McGlotten, Officer Cohen
11 and Officer Borisova.

12 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Madam Chair, did you get
13 Sergeant Finch. I can't remember if you called his
14 name.

15 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: And you know I couldn't
16 forget Sergeant Finch. You know -- you know we can't
17 proceed without Sergeant Finch. No. Thank you, sir.
18 I believe I did.

19 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Duly noted. Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Okay. We are going to
21 give Asia a moment to make the moves. And we are
22 going to call them in one by one, Asia. We'll start
23 with Mr. Brunetti after everyone's in.

24 **(Whereupon, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:28**

25 **p.m.)**

1 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. Good evening once
2 again, everyone. Commissioners, I'll entertain a
3 motion to come out of Executive Session.

4 COMMISSIONER MEARES: So moved.

5 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Second.

6 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: It's been moved by
7 Commissioner Meares, seconded by Commissioner Miranda
8 to come out of Executive Session. All those in favor
9 signify by saying, aye.

10 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Commissioner Brooks.

11 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Commissioner Brooks. My
12 apologies. Okay, any discussion? Okay. All those
13 in favor, signify by saying, aye.

14 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Motion carry. We are
18 coming out of Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

19 **(Whereupon, the Board exited Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.)**

20 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Commissioners, on
21 Personnel Matter, what is your pleasure? The first
22 candidate is No. 57, John Brunetti.

23 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Madam Chair, I'd like make
24 a motion to remove candidate No. 67, John Brunetti,
25 from Eligibility List 22-68.

1 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Second.

3 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. There's a motion
4 to remove from the list. All those in favor signify
5 by saying, aye. Aye? All those opposed?

6 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Nay.

7 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Nay.

8 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Nay.

9 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. We have one aye
10 and three nay. So the motion fails. The candidate
11 will be moved forward.

12 Commissioners, what is your pleasure on
13 Candidate Ariel Ferreras?

14 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Madam Chair, I make a
15 motion that candidate, No. 68, Ariel Ferreras, is
16 removed from Eligibility List 22-68.

17 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Second.

18 COMMISSIONER RIGBEIRO: Okay. Commissioners, we
19 have a motion and a second. All those in favor --
20 I'm sorry, any discussion? All those in favor
21 signify by saying, aye, to remove. All those opposed
22 signify say saying, nay.

23 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Nay.

24 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Nay.

25 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Motion carries. I'm

1 sorry. Motion fails. The candidate moves forward in
2 the process.

3 What is your pleasure on Candidate Jasmine
4 Aiken?

5 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Madam chair, I make a
6 motion to remove candidate, No. 79, Jasmine Aiken,
7 from Eligibility List 22-68.

8 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Second.

9 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. We have a motion
10 by Commissioner Miranda and a second by Commissioner
11 Brooks. All those in favor please indicate by
12 saying, aye.

13 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: All those opposed? Okay.
17 Abstentions? Motion carry to remove.

18 Commissioners, what is your pleasure?

19 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Madam Chair, I don't know
20 if it's appropriate, but I'd like to amend our agenda
21 tonight to -- to include the recommendation of hire.

22 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Is there a particular
23 candidate?

24 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Madam Chair, I'd like to
25 amend that motion to include Candidate Ariel

1 Ferreras. Forgive me if I pronounced his name wrong.
2 I'm not sure his candidate number, but recommend him
3 for hire.

4 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Second.

5 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. So we have a motion by
6 Commissioner Brooks and a second by Commissioner
7 Meares to amend the agenda to the recommendation to
8 hire No. 68, Ariel Ferraras. Any discussion? Okay.
9 All those in favor signify by saying, aye.

10 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

11 COMMISSISONER RIBEIRO: Opposed? Abstentions?
12 Okay. Motion carry. Now that the agenda has been
13 amended, what is your pleasure?

14 COMMISSONER BROOKS: Madam Chair, I make a
15 motion that we hire candidate, 68, Ariel Ferreras.

16 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Second.

18 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. It's been moved
19 and properly second to hire No. 68, Ariel Ferreras.
20 Any discussion? Okay. All those in favor signify by
21 saying, aye.

22 COMMISSONER BROOS: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Opposed? Abstentions?

1 Motion carry. Congratulations. And we'll move --
2 and thank you, Commissioners and staff. We'll move
3 on Retirements (for Board information only). We have
4 Officer Albert Costa, effective May 15th, 2023;
5 Officer Miriam Garcia, effective May 31st, 2023;
6 Lieutenant Elliot Rosa, effective June 2nd, 2023;
7 Captain John Healy, effective June 20th, 2023; and
8 Officer Tyren Robinson, effective June 30th, 2023.

9 Chief mentioned earlier in his report about the
10 retirements. So we thank them all for their service.

11 Resignation (for Board information only).
12 Temporary Assistant Animal Control Officer Mark
13 Pellegrino, effective May 14, 2023; Recruit Kaya
14 Czwalinska, effective May 24th, 2023; Officer Michael
15 Limauro, effective May 25th, 2023; Recruit Jamil
16 Saffa, effective May 26th, 2023; Officer Stephanie
17 James, effective May 31st, 2023; Recruit Miosonti
18 Hueca, effective June 5th, 2023; Records Clerk Evelyn
19 Kirk, effective, June 18, 2023, Transferring to PSAP;
20 and Officer Jacob Sosik, effective June 19, 2023.

21 So this is why I -- we need to hire. This
22 probably one of the longest lists that I've seen in a
23 meeting for retirees and resignations. So,
24 Background Team, keep up the good work trying to get
25 them through because this is showing we need to hire

1 consistently. Okay.

2 We'll move forward. Recruitment/Selection
3 Committee Report. Anything?

4 SERGEANT FINCH: I'll make it brief. At the end
5 of the month in may we spent -- or in spent a lot
6 time at Career Days at the local schools, mainly the
7 middle school. A couple of high schools came through
8 and actually did tours. So I was excited to just
9 speak -- speak to the -- the young generation that to
10 come and why it's important that we need police
11 officers, what police officers do. And just to just
12 have positive conversations with them.

13 This Saturday we will be in New Haven for a
14 Juneteenth celebration. We will be recruit --
15 recruiting at this -- at this Juneteenth celebration.

16 One thing that we continue to do is have our
17 weekly training sessions to assist those who make
18 themselves available to come train with us. That is
19 our time where we actually pour into them to try to
20 help them understand everything they need to know
21 about this -- this process and how difficult it is.
22 But although it is difficult, it is possible, and if
23 you just put the hard work and the effort.

24 Moving forward we are creating an academy video.
25 And, also, I'd like to mention that on June 30th we

1 have 19 of our recruits graduating the academy too.
2 So, we will be recruiting at that academy graduation
3 both with some families and friends who we might be
4 able to attract. That's all I'll say for today.

5 COMMISSIONER MEARES: What's the date of that
6 graduation again, Sergeant?

7 SERGEANT FINCH: It's June 30th. It's Friday,
8 June 30th from 6:00 to 7:30 at the Old Sea Marsh
9 Lecture Hall. It's on Yale Campus, 260 Whitney
10 Avenue.

11 ASSISTANT CHIEF BHAGTANA: It's next to Peabody
12 Museum.

13 SERGEANT FINCH: We'll -- we'll make sure you
14 get a -- get the information through e-mail.

15 CHIEF JACOBSON: Yeah, the -- all the
16 commissioners will be invited of course.

17 COMMISSIONER MEARES: For what it will be is
18 nice but ...

19 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Thank you, all. Okay.
20 We'll move on to Efficiency Committee Report.

21 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yes. Madam Chair, we are
22 presenting two policies today that have been reviewed
23 by the Efficiency Committee. And I think Capital
24 Dell will be doing the explaining. So, take it away,
25 Captain.

1 CAPTAIN DELL: Good evening, Commissioners. so
2 just a little brief background on the accreditation
3 process. It's a three-year process that consists of
4 three tiers. So this year we're focusing on Tier 1.
5 However, when I'm doing Tier 1, I'm also looking at
6 Tier 2 and 3 and to see what type of policy
7 provisions are required in those tiers so that we
8 don't wind up having to do this the second and third
9 year as well.

10 So Tip 1 has four pictures -- all these chapters
11 relate to the Detention, whatever chapter is called,
12 holding facility and the other is called Prisoners.
13 So these are total 35 standards that get incorporated
14 into the Detention General Order.

15 I won't go through all 35 or nobody will be
16 eating dinner tonight. But just go give some of the
17 highlights. There are standards related to
18 sanitation and the physical conditions of somebody.
19 These include a requirement for adequate lighting,
20 circulation of air, access to drinking water and a
21 wash basin. There's requirement to test safety
22 equipment in system such as automatic heat, smoke
23 detection system and a fire alarm as far as First Aid
24 kit.

25 There are standards related to the security of

1 the facility in particular access will be limited to
2 Detention personnel. Non-essential personnel
3 including maintenance personnel will be escorted at
4 all times in the facility. There's also a process in
5 place for the control of Detention heat.

6 In addition, there's portions of the policy
7 related to care of arrestees. For example, one
8 female officer needs to be assigned to Detention at
9 all time for the assistance of the monitoring and
10 care of female arrestees.

11 We have sections in the policy regarding search
12 and processing of arrestees. There's a process for
13 removal of arrestees from the transport vehicle when
14 it arrives in Detention including that the supervisor
15 will ask the transporting officer about arrestee
16 injuries, medical conditions and other intoxication
17 due to drugs or alcohol to assess whether to accept
18 the arrestee into the facility or request medical
19 assistance for evaluation. The policy also includes
20 a detail procedure for searching arrestees that have
21 gender-affirming articles or prosthetic devices.

22 Lastly, there are procedures outlined for
23 medical emergencies and suicidal arrestees. If a
24 medical emergency occurs, a request for medical
25 services will be initiated by the supervisor through

1 a call to PSAP. And the officer will remain with the
2 arrestee or waiting for medical personnel and provide
3 first aid consistent with their training.

4 The policy also includes a procedure for
5 monitoring suicidal arrestees when they return from
6 the hospital. The arrestees will be monitored at all
7 times by video surveillance while the arrestee
8 remains in police custody.

9 So I worked closely with Lieutenant Maher to
10 address all these standards. And Lieutenant Maher
11 also created posting -- signage for emergency
12 evacuation plans and assigned to advise arrestees to
13 notify an officer if medical attention is needed.

14 Lieutenant Maher set up a regular documented
15 inspections for the first aid kit or pass contraband,
16 fire equipment and alarm systems. He also met with
17 the fire marshal to approve our fire alarm and heat
18 and smoke detection system. And our medical
19 procedures were also approved by a Yale physician.

20 Do you want me to move on vehicle pursuits or
21 are there any questions on Detention?

22 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Yeah, that's -- let's
23 discuss the Detention first.

24 COMMISSIONER MEARES: I don't have anything to
25 discuss. I mean we've gone over that in great detail,

1 at least the committee did. So people are
2 commissioners who are not on the committee might have
3 questions but we have been dealing with this
4 particular policy for quite some time. And I think
5 the Commission was ready to go but there were other
6 hold-ups that had nothing to do with this.

7 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. Commissioners,
8 does anyone -- anyone have any questions? Okay. I
9 guess you can move to the next General Order and then
10 we'll go back to the votes separately.

11 CAPTAIN DELL: Okay. The next General Order is
12 Vehicle Pursuits. Our last Vehicle Pursuit policy
13 revision occurred in September of 2021. At that time
14 we adopted state model policy language and the POST
15 CLESP Standards. This revision of the policy we
16 needed to add language to satisfy the accreditation
17 standards. Most of these standards are related to
18 the review and reporting of pursuits.

19 The supervisor of a pursuit is required to
20 complete a POST Pursuit Form and POST Review Memo.
21 All pursuits will be tracked and reviewed by Internal
22 Affairs now. And Internal Affairs will prepare both
23 the report to the Chief each year and submit an
24 annual report to POST. And that's it for Vehicle
25 Pursuits.

1 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. Any question or
2 comments, Commissioners? And, Commissioner Meares,
3 your committee vetted this, correct?

4 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: And you are satisfied?

6 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yep.

7 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. All right. Thank
8 you. All right. With that being said, we'll go back
9 to take the vote on the -- the Detention General
10 Order. Commissioners, what is your pleasure?

11 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Madam Chair, I move that
12 we accept the amended policy on Detention.

13 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Second.

14 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay. We have -- that's
15 been moved and properly seconded. Any further
16 discussion? All right. All those in favor of the
17 motion signify by saying, aye.

18 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Opposed? Abstentions?
22 Motion carry.

23 Commissioners, what is your pleasure on General
24 Order Vehicle Pursuits? And actually the General
25 Order number is missing from the agenda.

1 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yes, I didn't see. Madam
2 Chair, I move that we -- that we approve the newly
3 amended General Order on Vehicle Pursuits.

4 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Second.

5 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: It's moved by
6 Commissioner Meares and seconded by Commissioner
7 Brooks. Any discussion? Okay. All those in favor
8 signify by saying, aye.

9 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Opposed? Abstentions?

13 Okay, motion carry. Thank you, Captain Dell for the
14 work you've done and your team. And thank you to the
15 committee. This is the start. I mean I know we have
16 quite a few we need to do. So, hopefully, we can get
17 as much done in the next couple of months as
18 possible. But thank you so much for the work that
19 you put into this. Moving forward --

20 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Madame --

21 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Madam chair, can -- can I
23 ask a question about the policy on transport. Is
24 that at committee?

25 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Yes, it is at -- yes.

1 The committee had been reviewing it.

2 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Are we ready to present?
4 Hopefully, shortly.

5 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Perhaps, I -- I will talk
6 with the chair of the committee to -- because I --
7 I'm -- I am curious or interested or eager to see
8 that policy so that we could ensure that we don't
9 have any other issues around, you know, those in our
10 -- in our custody and -- and as it relates to being
11 transported.

12 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Maybe the concern is
14 that --

15 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Yeah, you can look at it.
16 Staff -- staff could sent it because the committee
17 has looked it and have made their recommendations.
18 So the commissioners can review it at any time. So I
19 will just ask the staff to send out a copy to the
20 commissioners so when it does come to us, we will be
21 fully -- fully informed and ready. Then, we'll --

22 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Sure.

23 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: -- be ready to go.

24 CAPTAIN DELL: Will do.

25 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: All right. Finance

1 Committee? Okay.

2 So Other Business. So, Commissioners, you did
3 receive a letter or resignation today from Eva
4 Lambert-Perry -- is in my order? Yes -- who was our
5 Board secretary for the last year and a half. She
6 has gotten a new position within the Department which
7 is the new Quartermaster. Is that correct, Chiefs?
8 So she's no longer working in the Chief's Office.

9 So I would love to appoint our new
10 clerk/secretary who has joined us. Please turn the
11 camera on. Asia Johnson-Clark who I believe has been
12 in the Chief's Office for a couple of months. She
13 works for the chiefs. I know that she sits outside
14 Chief Ettiienne's office. But I believe she works
15 collectively for the chiefs. With your pleasure,
16 your agreement, you don't have to take a vote on it
17 because it is an appointment, but I would appoint Ms.
18 Johnson-Clark as our new Board secretary. This is
19 her first meeting. And I think she did a pretty good
20 job for the first meeting. Thank you. Thank you,
21 ma'am.

22 So do you have any words you want to say.

23 Ms. Clark.

24 MS. JOHNSON-CLARK: No, I don't really have much
25 to say. But, hi, everyone. I am Asia Johnson-Clerk.

1 I just started in August and I'm excited to take on
2 this job. And Eva has trained me very well. So I'm
3 excited to get on board.

4 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Thank you. Also, I've
5 officially appointed Ms. Johnson-Clark as our Board
6 secretary. So thank you. We look forward to working
7 with you.

8 Okay. Public Comment. Is anyone here from the
9 public who wishes to make a comment? Okay. Is there
10 any reason to go into executive session?

11 ATTY. DUPREY: Madam Chair?

12 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Yes, ma'am. We don't
13 need to go into executive session for the litigation
14 update. But I do want to make commissioners aware
15 that my office has implemented a new legal database.
16 And we are still trying to figure out how to generate
17 the reports that I normally send to you, the
18 Commission. So there may be a little bit of a lag
19 that you haven't seen the e-mail, the reports. But,
20 hopefully, in the next month, we'll narrow down how
21 that needs to happen so that they can resume sending
22 them.

23 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Okay.

24 ATTY. DUPREY: Thank you.

25 THE REPORTER: Madam Chair, please may I ask you

1 a question?

2 COMMISSIONER REBEIRO: Yes, ma'am

3 THE REPORTER: Commissioner Walker is not here
4 tonight, right? Is he? I --

5 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: No, he's not.

6 THE RPEORTER: He's not, okay. That's what I
7 thought. I'm sorry.

8 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: No worries. Okay. If we
9 have no further business, I will entertain a motion
10 for adjournment.

11 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Madam Chair, I'll like to
12 make a motion that we adjourn tonight.

13 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Second.

14 COMMISSIONER RIGEIRO: Okay. We have a motion
15 and a second. Commissioner Brooks and Commissioner
16 Meares. All those in favor signify by saying, aye.

17 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER RIBEIRO: Opposed? Okay. Motion
21 carry. Thank you, everyone.

22 CHIEF JACOBSON: Goodnight, everybody. Thank
23 you.

24 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Congratulation, Ms. Clark.

25 MS. JOHNSON-CLARK: Thank you.

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COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Goodnight.

CHIEF JACOBSON: Goodnight.

(Whereupon, the Board adjourned at 7:41 p.m.)

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