

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
JULY 13, 2010
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

PRESENT: Commissioners Richard Epstein, Chairman; Evelise Ribeiro;
Richard Buckholz; and Theodore Brooks (6:18 p.m.)

Assistant Chief Thomas Wheeler: Department of Police Services

Michael Wolak: Corporation Counsel

OPEN SESSION

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m., Richard Epstein, Chairman, presiding.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and Approval of Regular Session Minutes of June 8, 2010

- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved approval of the minutes of June 8, 2010**
- ** **Commissioner Buckholz seconded**
- ** **Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Buckholz and Brooks**
- ** **Motion passed (4-0-0)**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Assistant Chief Thomas Wheeler

Assistant Chief Wheeler said that Chief Limon is attending a Project Safe Neighborhood conference in New Orleans.

In response to a request from the Board, Assistant Chief Wheeler indicated that the Department is down in staffing by 55 persons, broken down as follows: police officers, down 46; detectives, down 2; sergeants, down 1; lieutenants, down 4; captains, down 1; and assistant chiefs, down 1.

Assistant Chief Wheeler distributed the current projected crime stats and reviewed them with the Board.

The Department is planning to do some community relations in the Newhallville area of the city together with members of the clergy and to include a march to show support for the community. The event will take place in a couple of weeks on a Saturday.

Commissioner Ribeiro submitted a second request for the crime stats from May. These will be emailed, as previously arranged. Additionally, Commissioner Ribeiro requested an updated organizational chart via email.

CORPORATION COUNSEL REPORT**Michael Wolak, Esq.**

In response to a previous inquiry by the Board regarding interviewing officer candidates, Attorney Wolak explained he spoke with Civil Service Attorney Kathleen Foster. Attorney Foster said there is no prohibition against the Commission interviewing candidates, with the caveat that the Commission would have to interview all candidates within the rank of three for any given position. The same people would have to do the interviews and would have to ask the same questions. Commissioner Epstein requested that Attorney Foster attend the September meeting so that the Commission could inquire further into the interview protocol.

Further report of Attorney Wolak was deferred to Executive Session.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT**Sergeant Robin Higgins**

Deferred to Executive Session.

RETIREMENTS

Assistant Chief Stephanie Redding, age annuity, eff. 6/26/2010

Informational only.

RESIGNATIONS

There were no resignations.

EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT**Commissioner Graves**

There was no Efficiency Committee Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**Commissioner Ribeiro**

There was no Finance Committee Report.

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD LIAISON REPORT**Commissioner Ribeiro**

There was no CRB liaison report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Officers Lucille Roach and Bruce Bonner inquired of the Board if the sergeant's list would be automatically continued. The Commission said they would have to refer the matter to the Chief for further discussion.

Cases Returned

059-10-I Returned for further action by the Commission
044-09-I Returned for further action by the Commission
097-09-C Returned to the Chief for further action

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ** Commissioner Brooks moved to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation strategy**
- ** Commissioner Buckholz seconded**
- ** Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Buckholz and Brooks**
- ** Motion passed (4-0-0)**

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:47 p.m.

- ** Commissioner Brooks moved to exit Executive Session**
- ** Commissioner Buckholz seconded**
- ** Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Buckholz and Brooks**
- ** Motion passed (4-0-0)**

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

- ** The next Regular meeting will be held on August 10, 2010, at 6 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Regular Session Meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Neill