



EAST HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

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Mayor Joseph Carfora

Honorable Board of
Police Commissioners

HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2021 AT 7:00 PM
EAST HAVEN SENIOR CENTER
91 TAYLOR AVENUE
EAST HAVEN, CT

COMMISSIONER(S) PRESENT: Chairman Paul Carbo (presiding), Vice Chairman Dominic Balletto, Commissioner Dawne Flynn, Commissioner Eduardo Torrealba, Commissioner Dianne Romans

OTHER(S) PRESENT: Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy, Attorney Michael Luzzi, Clerk Marsha Maldonado

Chairman Carbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call – Quorum obtained
4. Interview and consideration of candidate for the Records Attendant vacancy (Executive Session)

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to conduct the interview in executive session with the Board, Chief Lennon, Deputy Chief Tracy, Attorney Luzzi and the candidate present; seconded by Commissioners Romans and Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously. Executive session commenced at 7:02 PM.

Candidate Kathryn DePonte went in to executive session at 7:05 PM and exited at 7:14 PM.

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to conclude executive session; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. Chairman Carbo resumed public session at 7:16 PM.

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to hire and approve the transfer of Kathryn DePonte as a Records Clerk at the East Haven Police Department. Ms. DePonte's start date will be determined by the Chief of Police and the Town after determining a mutually agreeable date for the completion of her previous assignment as the purchasing agent for the Town of East Haven; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. Roll Call Vote: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Interview and consideration of candidates for promotion to Lieutenant (Executive Session)
6. Interview and consideration of candidates for promotion to Sergeant (Executive Session)

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to conduct the interviews in executive session with the Board, Chief Lennon, Deputy Chief Tracy, Attorney Luzzi and each candidate present; seconded by

Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously. Executive session commenced at 7:18 PM.

Candidate Sergeant John Finnimore went in to executive session at 7:20 PM and exited at 7:35 PM.

Candidate Sergeant Kershen Bisette went in to executive session at 7:36 PM and exited at 7:49 PM.

Candidate Sergeant Justin Brochu went in to executive session at 7:50 PM and exited at 8:02 PM.

Candidate Sergeant Joseph Finoia went in to executive session at 8:02 PM and exited at 8:17 PM.

Candidate Detective Gregory Borer went in to executive session at 8:35 PM and exited at 8:45 PM.

Candidate Detective Shirley Conyers went in to executive session at 8:46 PM and exited at 8:52 PM.

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to conclude executive session; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. Chairman Carbo resumed public session at 9:00 PM.

Chairman Carbo addressed all the candidates, thanking them for all they do. He further stated that we had a fantastic bunch here tonight, so again, there are only a certain number of positions and more people to fill them, and asked them to keep that in mind – please do not give up if not promoted tonight, there is always next time.

Vice Chairman Balletto added that this was an extremely difficult decision to make this evening because these are all excellent candidates. It was really difficult to differentiate between each candidate, all of whom are very dedicated, and have excellent records and careers with the Department. He thanked them for their service and regardless of where it goes tonight, it is definitely not a reflection on each individual.

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to promote Sergeants Kershen Bisette and Justin Brochu to the rank of Lieutenant effective February 15, 2021; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. Roll Call Vote: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to promote Detectives Shirley Conyers and Gregory Borer to the rank of Sergeant effective February 15, 2021; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. Roll Call Vote: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. Chairman Carbo adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado
Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

[Audio recording on file – duration 07:11 minutes for public session only; executive session excluded]