



# EAST HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

471 NORTH HIGH STREET • EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06512

Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr.



Honorable Board of  
Police Commissioners

## HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 AT 7:00 PM  
EAST HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
471 NORTH HIGH STREET  
EAST HAVEN, CT

**COMMISSIONER(S) PRESENT:** Chairman William Illingworth, Vice Chairman Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Eduardo Torrealba, Commissioner Paul Carbo

**COMMISSIONER(S) ABSENT:** Commissioner Dawne Flynn

**OTHER(S) PRESENT:** Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy, Sergeant Benjamin DeCrosta, Sergeant Kevin Klarman, Detective Robert Brockett, Detective Joseph Finoia, Officer Kershen Bissette, Officer John Finnimore

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call – Quorum obtained
4. Discussion pertaining to pending parking violations

Chairman Illingworth deferred to Commissioner Torrealba who voiced his surprise that only the current traffic appeal hearings had been scheduled.

Chief Lennon advised the Board that Town Attorney Zullo's legal advice was to not proceed with the older traffic appeal hearings but the Commission should make formal acknowledgment of their decision to proceed or not.

Commissioner Torrealba recited agenda item 11.a. from the regular monthly meeting minutes of July 30, 2019 whereby he requested written guidance from Attorney Zullo. He then read aloud the email exchanges between himself and Attorney Zullo dated August 27 and 28, 2019 for the benefit of the Board. He further cited Connecticut State statute pertaining to the hearing procedure deadlines. He feels very strongly that we should continue with the established process in the interest of consistency and fairness. As there is no authority to dismiss the pending appeal hearings, we are obligated to conduct them.

Chief Lennon is simply looking for guidance from the Board on how to proceed.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro was under the impression that all pending traffic appeal hearings would be scheduled.

Commissioner Carbo asked if there were any ramifications for not scheduling the hearings. Commissioner Torrealba replied, "No."

Commissioner Torrealba proposed two dates to schedule the pending traffic appeal hearings, half each date.

Per Chairman Illingworth, the Board has made the formal decision to proceed with the pending traffic appeal hearings and apologizes for any confusion or inconvenience caused by this delay. Going forward, traffic appeal hearings will be scheduled timelier and pursuant to the Town Ordinance.

5. Interview of Sergeant Candidates (Executive Session)

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to conduct the interviews of the Sergeant candidates in executive session with the Board, Chief Lennon and Deputy Chief Tracy present; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously. Executive Session commenced at 7:20 PM.

Candidate Officer John Finnimore went in to executive session at 7:25 PM and exited at 7:31 PM.

Candidate Detective Joseph Finoia went in to executive session at 7:32 PM and exited at 7:41 PM.

Candidate Officer Kershen Bisette went in to executive session at 7:42 PM and exited at 7:49 PM.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to conclude executive session; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. Public session resumed at 7:58 PM.

Chairman Illingworth addressed the candidates saying they are three excellent candidates, making this a very difficult decision – any one of these candidates could easily have this position, however, there is only one position open at this time.

Commissioner Carbo made a motion to offer Detective Joseph Finoia the promotion to the rank of Sergeant effective October 15, 2019; seconded by Vice Chairman DiSilvestro. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Request a certified Police Officer – Grade C Recruit list from the Civil Service Commission

Commissioner Torrealba made a motion to request a certified Police Officer – Grade C Recruit list from the Civil Service Commission; seconded by Vice Chairman DiSilvestro. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Request Civil Service initiate the testing process for Police Officer Recruit

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to request Civil Service initiate the testing process for Police Officer Recruit; seconded by Commissioner Carbo. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Torrealba made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Vice Chairman DiSilvestro. Chairman Illingworth adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado

Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

*[Audio recording on file – duration 21:54 minutes for public session only; executive session excluded]*