

City of West Haven, CT
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, February 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the West Haven Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Paul E. Butler at West Haven Police Headquarters, 200 Sawmill Road. All those present, rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Paul E. Butler, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Present
John M. Carrano, <i>Commissioner</i>	Absent
Christopher Suggs, <i>Commissioner</i>	Present
Deborah B. Wright, <i>Pension Board Chair and Commissioner</i>	Present
Joseph Perno, <i>Chief of Police</i>	Present
Carl Flemmig, <i>Deputy Chief</i>	Present
Steven J. Johnston, <i>City Liaison</i>	Present

Agenda

Commissioner Suggs MOVED to add Item 6.1 DAVE MORAN to the agenda under Pension; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wright MOVED to accept the agenda as amended; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes

Commissioner Suggs MOVED to accept the minutes from the previous meeting on February 4th, 2025; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Input- (1) ONE OPPORTUNITY PER PERSON TO SPEAK FOR A (3) THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT.

Vice-Chairman Butler asked three times if any person from the public wished to speak. There being none, he declared the public portion closed.

3. Communications

3.1 Traffic Management Report – January 2025

4. Report of the Chief – None

5. Report of the Deputy Chief

Deputy Chief Flemmig reported that the Department is currently staffed at 118 Officers total with 17 unavailable.

6. Pension

6.1 Dave Moran

Dave Moran provided a monthly pension update to the Board of no changes to asset allocation; pension performance analysis summary shows approximately 4% increase QTD and 16.42% over the last 12 months.

7. Report of the Committees – None

8. Old Business – None

9. New Business

9.1 Savin Rock ½ & Full Marathon – March 29, 2025 – Shoreline Sharks

Commissioner Suggs MOVED to approve the Savin Rock ½ and Full Marathon event to be held on Saturday, March 29th, 2025 with no rain date from 8:00 a.m. until no later than 2:00 p.m.; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Wright commended the WHPD and Public Works for their efforts during/after winter storms, extended her appreciation to the men and women patrolling.

Commissioner Wright inquired with Chief Perno appropriateness of calling 911 for live wires down; Chief Perno confirmed.

11. Executive Session

Commissioner Wright MOVED to enter Executive Session; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners entered Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Butler called the meeting back into regular session at 7:38 p.m.

12. Adjournment

At 7:38 p.m. Commissioner Wright MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Collins
Recording Clerk

City of West Haven, CT
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, March 4, 2025

The regular meeting of the West Haven Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner John M. Carrano at West Haven Police Headquarters, 200 Sawmill Road. All those present, rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Paul E. Butler, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Absent
John M. Carrano, <i>Commissioner</i>	Present
Christopher Suggs, <i>Commissioner</i>	Present
Deborah B. Wright, <i>Pension Board Chair and Commissioner</i>	Present
Joseph Perno, <i>Chief of Police</i>	Present
Carl Flemmig, <i>Deputy Chief</i>	Present
Steven J. Johnstone, <i>City Liaison</i>	Present

Agenda

Commissioner Suggs MOVED to nominate Commissioner Carrano to act as Chairman for the meeting; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Carrano MOVED to add Report of the Chief to the agenda; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wright MOVED to accept the agenda as amended; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes

Commissioner Suggs MOVED to accept the minutes from the previous meeting on February 18th, 2025; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried; Commissioner Carrano abstained.

2. Public Input- (1) ONE OPPORTUNITY PER PERSON TO SPEAK FOR A (3) THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT.

Commissioner Carrano asked three times if any person from the public wished to speak. There being none, he declared the public portion closed.

3. Communications

3.1 Attendance Report – January 2025

3.2 Funeral Escort – Family of Retired WHPD Officer Herbert (Herbie) Reed

3.3 Funeral Escort – Family of Anthony Consiglio

4. Report of the Chief

Chief Perno reported upcoming promotional exams including a written portion on March 11th, 2025 and oral portions on March 18th and 19th, 2025. All eligible officers have been notified. The commissioners will receive a list of all those who passed at conclusion.

5. Report of the Deputy Chief

Deputy Chief Flemmig reported that the Department is currently staffed at 118 Officers total with 103 available.

6. Report of the Committees – None

7. Old Business – None

8. New Business

8.1 Road Closure – Monday, March 17th, 2025, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM – Campbell Avenue from Center Street to Main Street for Irish Person of the Year

Commissioner Suggs MOVED to approve the Road Closure on Monday, March 17th, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Campbell Avenue from Center Street to Main Street for Irish Person of the Year; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Carrano reported that he has been hired by the City of West Haven Human Resources Department to work in a new position which has a focus on domestic violence prevention, a priority for the Mayor. He stated that in this new role, he will be collaborating with the WHPD, Parks & Recreation, Public Services, and the Human Health Department to gather data, understand trends, and develop comprehensive domestic violence prevention programs across multiple platforms including schools and community centers. They will also be working with the following community programs to determine the best platforms for community outreach: Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence, CT Coalition of Domestic Violence, Family Service Center of New Haven, Rape Crisis Center of New Haven, and the State Prosecutor's Office.

11. Executive Session

Commissioner Wright MOVED to enter Executive Session; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners entered Executive Session at 7:11 p.m.

Commissioner Carrano called the meeting back into regular session at 8:47 p.m.

12. Adjournment

At 8:47 p.m. Commissioner Suggs MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Collins
Recording Clerk