

City of West Haven, CT
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, May 20th, 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

Dorinda Borer, <i>Mayor, City of West Haven</i>	Present
Paul E. Butler, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Present
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 B. Johnstone, <i>City Council Liaison</i>	Present

Agenda

Commissioner Suggs MOVED to accept the printed amendment to Item 9.1; SECONDED by Commissioner Carrano. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes

Commissioner Carrano MOVED to accept the minutes from the previous meeting on May 6th, 2025; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Input

Mark Allamy, 10 Collen Avenue, addressed the Board to express serious concerns with the West Haven Police Department, alleging discrimination and lack of accountability. He reports being mistreated by city officials, including being removed from the mayor's office and ignored by various government offices, including the WHPD Chief and even the CT Senate for two years. He expressed feeling targeted and surveilled after trying to file a complaint with the Board of Ethics. He emphasizes his contributions to the country as a taxpayer, former government contractor, and family man, and questions whether constitutional rights are being upheld.

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

3. Communications

- 3.1 Training Division Report - March & April 2025**
- 3.2 Traffic Management Unit Report - April 2025**
- 3.3 Attendance Report - April 2025**

4. Report of the Chief – None

5. Report of the Deputy Chief

Deputy Chief Flemmig reported that the West Haven Police Department is currently staffed at 119 Officers with 16 unavailable and 103 available.

6. Report of the Committees – None

7. Pension Board – None

8. Old Business – None

9. New Business

9.1 Traffic Signal Removal – Front Avenue & Spring Street

Commissioner Suggs MOVED to accept Item 9.1 as amended regarding the removal of the traffic signal at Front Avenue & Spring Street; SECONDED by Commissioner Carrano. Commissioner Wright quested whether this would create an increase in drivers speeding; Chief Perno assured that the engineers believe that the stop signs will be more efficient and that the change would be a trial. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Commissioner's Report – None

11. Executive Session

Commissioner Carrano MOVED to invite Mayor Borer and City Council into Executive Session; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Carrano MOVED go to into Executive Session to discuss the following:

11.1 Personnel

The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners entered Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. and returned to public at 8:02 p.m.

12. Adjournment

At 8:02 p.m., Commissioner Wright MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Collins
Recording Clerk