

**City of West Haven, CT
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025**

The regular meeting of the West Haven Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 7:02 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>	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 add Item 9.3 under New Business regarding the Cycle for the Cause event; SECONDED by Commissioner Carrano. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Minutes

Commissioner Carrano MOVED to accept the minutes from the previous meeting on August 5th, 2025; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Input

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 Animal Control Report – July 2025

3.2 Attendance Report – July 2025

3.3 Traffic Management Report – July 2025

4. Report of the Chief

Chief Perno extended an invitation to the Commissioners to the 9/11 Ceremony to be held on Thursday, September 11th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

5. Report of the Deputy Chief

Deputy Chief Flemmig reported that after tonight's resignation, the West Haven Police Department will be staffed at 118 Officers with 7 unavailable and 111 available Officers.

6. Report of the Committees – None

7. Pension Board

Commissioner Wright reported that David Moran will attend the next meeting on September 16th, 2025 to deliver the quarterly report.

8. Old Business – None

9. New Business

9.1 Apple Festival 2025 – September 26-28

Commissioner Carrano MOVED to accept the Apple Festival to be held on September 26th, 27th, and 28th, 2025; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

9.2 Resignation – Officer Jen Brown effective August 11th, 2025

Commissioner Wright MOVED to accept the resignation of Officer Jen Brown effective August 11th, 2025; SECONDED by Commissioner Carrano. Motion carried unanimously.

9.3 Cycle for the Cause – September 20th, 2025

Commissioner Suggs MOVED to accept the Cycle for the Cause event to be held on September 20th, 2025; SECONDED by Commissioner Carrano. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Carrano congratulated the West Haven Police Department's softball team on their recent win in the championship game.

Commissioner Wright looking for clarification on an unmarked package received this week which was dated June. All commissioners noted receipt of package; Chief Perno confirmed to disregard.

Commissioner Wright noted issues with street blockages on Elm Street in West Haven due to paving. Chief Perno confirmed involvement in streets chosen for reroute but explained no involvement in equipment location, etc.

Commissioner Suggs commented on the 2026 Board of Police Commissioners meeting schedule, wondering if possible to allow David Moran's attendance be quarterly instead of monthly. Commissioner Wright confirmed that David Moran is obligated to deliver a certain number of reports per year to remain accessible per contract with the city.

11. Executive Session

Commissioner Wright MOVED to enter 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 7:15 p.m. and returned to public portion at 7:44 p.m.

12. Adjournment

At 7:44 p.m., Commissioner Suggs MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Vice-Chairman Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Collins
Recording Clerk