

City of West Haven, CT
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, September 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the West Haven Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 7:02 PM 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

Agenda

Vice-Chairman Butler asked if there were any amendments to the agenda; there were none. Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept the agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Suggs. The motion was passed unanimously.

1. Minutes

Commissioner Wright made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 2, 2025 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Wright. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Input – None

3. Communications

3.1 Training Division Report – July and August, 2025

3.2 Animal Control Report – August 2025

3.3 Traffic Management Report – August 2025

4. Report of the Chief

Officer Damian is graduating from the academy on September 17, 2025. Officer Damian will begin as soon as Sergeant Hayward schedules is

5. Report of the Deputy Chief

Deputy Chief Flemmig reported there are 120 officers with 110 available.

6. Report of the Committees – None

7. Pension Board

7.1 Dave Moran

Dave Moran provided the quarterly report dated up to September 15, 2025.

8. Old Business – None

9. New Business

9.1 Disputed Ticket #177039

Mercedes Shangreaux

16080 Lower Spring Creek Road, Hermosa, SD 57744 – Home/Permanent Residence

2 Wetzel Way, Apt. 2H, Storrs CT 06268 – CT Residence

Mercedes Shangreaux requested a reduction in the amount she has to pay for train station parking lot violations. She experienced a personal medical emergency and had to fly home to South Dakota. She was taking the train to NYC where she would then fly to South Dakota. Her wallet was stolen and she was unable to at the kiosk. She emailed the parking website at the address listen on the website but heard no response. Due to her efforts to make a payment and her extenuating circumstance the Board agreed to reduce her ticket to \$89.00; this equates to eight (8) days of violation at \$7.00 per day plus one day of fine at \$33.00. Commissioner Wright made a motion to reduce the total cost of the ticket to \$89.00; seconded by Commissioner Suggs. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Commissioners Report – None

Commissioner Suggs noted for the record that Commissioner Carrano arrived at 7:18 PM.

11. Executive Session

Commissioner Wright MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following:

11.1 Personnel

11.2 Two (2) Police Applicant Interviews

The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion passed unanimously. The Commissioners entered Executive Session at 7:25 PM and returned to public portion at 8:18 PM.

Commissioner Carrano made a motion at add 9.2 The Hiring of Christian Mastracchio and Kenneth Taveras under New Business; seconded by Commissioner Wright. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Suggs made a motion to approve item 9.2 and hire Christian Mastracchio and Kenneth Taveras at Grade C with a start date of September 29, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Carrano. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Vice-Chairman Butler. The meeting adjourned t 8:29 PM.