

**CITY OF WEST HAVEN, CT**  
**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

*Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, September 1, 2020*

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The regular meeting of the West Haven Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Raymond Collins, III at Police Headquarters, 200 Saw Mill Road. All those present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance**

<b>Raymond Collins, III, Chairman</b>	Present
<b>Paul E. Butler, Vice-Chairman</b>	Present
<b>Keith Sweeney</b>	Present
<b>Christopher Suggs</b>	Present
<b>Deborah B. Wright, Pension Board</b>	Absent
<b>Joseph Perno, Chief of Police</b>	Present
<b>Carl Flemmig, Interim Deputy Chief</b>	Present

**Agenda**

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to accept the agenda as presented; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

**1. Minutes for Approval**

Commissioner Butler MOVED to accept the minutes of July 21, 2020; SECONDED by Commissioner Sweeney. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Public Input**

Sean Faughnan, President, Local 895

Detective Faughnan congratulated Marcus Tavares and reviewed their history as friends and coworkers. He concluded that Officer Tavares' promotion to the rank of Sergeant is well earned and well deserved.

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

**3. Communications**

The following monthly reports for May, June, and July of 2020:

<b>MAY REPORTS</b>	<b>JUNE REPORTS</b>	<b>JULY REPORTS</b>
3.7 K9 Ofc. Standish/Cody	3.1 Animal Control	3.2 Animal Control
	3.3 Attendance	3.4 Attendance
	3.5 Investigative Services	3.6 Investigative Services
	3.8 K9 Ofc. Standish/Cody	3.9 K9 Ofc. Standish/Cody
	3.10 K9 Ofc. Marchitto/Ado	3.11 K9 Ofc. Marchitto/Ado
	3.12 K9 Sgt. Bloom/Ike	3.13 K9 Sgt. Bloom/Ike
	3.14 Traffic Division	3.15 Traffic Division
	3.16 Training Division	3.17 Training Division

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to accept reports 3.1 through 3.17; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Report of the Chief – No report**
- 5. Report of the Deputy Chief – No report**
- 6. Report of the Committees – No reports**
- 7. Old Business – None presented**
- 8. New Business – None presented**

**8.2 Resignation – Sergeant Eric Dlugolenski**

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to accept the resignation of Sergeant Dlugolenski, effective August 21, 2020; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

**8.1 Promotion – Officer Marcus Tavares to the rank of Sergeant**

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to promote Officer Marcus Tavares to the rank of Sergeant, effective September 4, 2020; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler.

Deputy Chief Flemmig stated, Officer Marcus Tavares began his law enforcement career with the New Haven Police Department where he served for over 20 years. While a member of the New Haven Police Department, Officer Tavares was a highly decorated officer who served as a School Resource Officer and was instrumental in improving the quality of life and safety at Hillhouse High School.

Officer Tavares was hired by the West Haven Police Department on April 15, 2014, shortly after his retirement from New Haven. He spent his first two years serving in the Uniform Patrol Division. In August of 2016, he was reassigned to be a School Resource Officer at West Haven High School where he has served admirably since. Officer Tavares is a hard worker who takes pride in his job; his work with the youth of our community reflects positively upon our department's mission and goals.

Officer Tavares is well respected by all members of the West Haven Police Department and I believe his temperament, partnered with his prior law enforcement experience, will make him a great asset as a supervisor in the Uniform Patrol Division, where he will get the best out of his subordinates.

Marcus, congratulations on your promotion to Sergeant.

Motion carried unanimously. [Applause rang throughout the forum].

Sergeant Tavares was then administered the oath of office by Chief Perno. His Sergeant's badge was pinned on by his grandson.

- 9. Pension Board – No report**
- 10. Commissioners Reports – No reports**
- 11. Executive Session**

At 7:16 p.m., Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following monthly reports:

- 11.1 Special Victims Unit – June, 2020
- 11.2 Special Victims Unit – July, 2020
- 11.3 Street Crime Unit – June, 2020

SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. Return to Regular Session/Adjournment**

At 7:17 p.m. the Commissioners returned to regular session and adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Sweeney; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trish Bruder*

Patricia M. Bruder, Recording Secretary