

CITY OF WEST HAVEN, CT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, October 1, 2019

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

Raymond Collins, III, Chairman	present
Paul E. Butler, Vice-Chairman	present
Keith Sweeney	present
Peter BonTempo, Secretary	present
Deborah B. Wright, Pension Board	present
Joseph Perno, Chief of Police	present
Carl Flemmig, Interim Deputy Chief	present
Lee Tiernan, Corporation Counsel	present

Amendment of Agenda

Commissioner Wright MOVED to rename item 8.2 "Resignation of Probationary Officer Ashley Schaefer", SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to accept the agenda as amended; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

1. Minutes for Approval

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to accept the minutes of September 17, 2019; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

2. Public Session

Detective Sean Faughnan, President, Local 895

Detective Faughnan, on behalf of the Executive Board, congratulated Lieutenant Flavin on her promotion to the rank of Captain. He spoke to the assembly and explained that this promotion is a testament of who she is as a leader and as an individual. Her coworkers and friends came out tonight on their own time to celebrate with her. He noted that in her 19 years with the Department she has made a tremendous contribution. Everyone is very proud of her and she has the respect of all of the officers. He again congratulated her and applause rang throughout the forum.

Chairman Collins asked three times if any member of the public wished to speak. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

3. **Communications** - None presented.
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**

8.1 Promotion of Lieutenant Kaitlyn Flavin to the rank of Captain

Commissioners Sweeney MOVED to approve the promotion of Lieutenant Kaitlyn Flavin to the rank of Captain; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Chief Perno stated, Kait started with West Haven Police Department on August 4, 2000. After completing Department requirements, she advanced to Grade A in 2002. In 2005, Kait was assigned to the Street Crime Unit where she excelled. In 2007, she was assigned to the DEA Task Force where she sharpened her investigative skills.

In 2010, Kait came home to become a Sergeant. While working as a Sergeant wearing the chevrons, she was in the Patrol Division. In August, 2015 Kait was promoted to Lieutenant. As a Lieutenant, Kait has been assigned to Patrol and did some time in Training as well as conducting several IA investigations for the department.

She has been the recipient of numerous commendations as well as recognition by the DEA. Those who have worked with Kait, for her, and with her, will tell you that she is very passionate about law enforcement, and protective of her officers. This department is very proud and lucky to have her and on Friday, October 4, 2019, the Uniformed Services Division will have a new Captain. Right now, Robbie is smiling at you. God bless and good luck.

Applause rang throughout the forum.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Captain Kaitlin Flavin was sworn in by Chief Perno, and her father pinned her with her Captain's badge.

8.2 Resignation of Probationary Officer Ashley Shaefer

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to accept the resignation of Probationary Officer Ashley Shaefer; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

9. Pension Board - No report.

10. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Sweeney commended the Traffic and Patrol Divisions for their assistance at a funeral for Fire Chief Ed Sweeney's sister's funeral. He noted that they did an exceptional job.

He then reminded the Board and the police officers of the fire boat dedication to be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the Long Wharf dock.

11. Executive Session

At approximately 7:09 p.m., Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 7:11 p.m. Commissioner Butler MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Commissioner Bon Tempo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

12. Adjournment

At 7:11 p.m., Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia M. Bruder
Secretary