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A special meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 5:00pm at Stamford Police Headquarters for the purpose of hearing an appeal from Officer John Staltaro in regard to his termination by Chief Jonathan Fontneau.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Abbazia, Figueroa and Palmer. Commissioners Thomas and Lyons were not present. Chief Fontneau, Assistant Chiefs Matheny and Shaw, Lt. Barcello, Sgts. Devanney and Pinto, Captain Bretthauer, Robert Murray from City of Stamford HR, Todd Lobraico, SPA President, Chris Gioielli, SPA Vice Present, Officer Staltaro, Attorney John Williams and Attorney Kevin Grecco, SPA Attorney. Also present was Officer Staltaro's finance and his father.

The meeting was called to order at 5:20pm by Commissioner Abbazia. Officer Staltaro was asked if he would prefer an open or closed session and he replied open.

Robert Murray opened for the City of Stamford and summarized the City's reason for Officer Staltaro's termination. Attorney John Williams reasons why the charges against Officer Staltaro should be dismissed.

After much summarization from both parties, Commissioner Palmer asked that each charge be read independent from each other and then questions would be asked of both parties. Charges were as follows: 1) Conduct Unbecoming an Officer case number 2014-01, 2) Abuse of Medical Leave and 3) Insubordination 2014-

After hearing all sides Commissioner Palmer requested a 5 minute recess at 7:05pm Commissioner Abbazia went back into session at 7:15pm. All Commissioners made their motions noted to agree with Chief Fontneau's original decision to terminate Officer Staltaro.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Palmer to deny Officer Staltaro's appeal and seconded by Commissioner Figueroa, all were in favor.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.
Submitted,

Timothy Abbazia
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Chairman