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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 5:00pm at Stamford Police Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Abbazia, Figueroa, Palmer and Mercedes. Chief Fontneau and Assistant Chief Thomas Wuennemann, Lt. Sean Cooney and Sgts Adrian Novia and Ryan Devanney. SPA President K. Engstrand, SPA Attorney K. Grecco and City of Stamford Labor Relations Specialist R. Murray, Officers Buehler and Zach.

Commissioner Abbazia opened the meeting at 5:20pm.

#### Review of Minutes

Commissioner Mercedes made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting second by Commissioner Figueroa. Commissioner Palmer abstained due to the fact she was not at the last meeting.

Commission opened with Grievance 2018-003 regarding transfer of Officer Buehler from the Jail to Patrol. Attorney Grecco presented and then Mr. Murray presented. Commission asked questions and they were answered. Commissioner Palmer made a motion to uphold the Chief's decision to transfer Officer Buehler second by Commissioner Mercedes. Commission stated that at the next bid cycle Officer Buehler would be able to submit his selection sheet for the Jail Area and be considered.

5:57pm Commission began to hear the appeal of Internal Affairs Case #2018-012 against Officer Zach's disciplinary action. Mr. Murray presented then Attorney Grecco presented. Attorney Grecco asked that the disciplinary action be reduced. Commission asked questions and they were answered.

Commission then heard from Attorney Grecco regarding the language in a letter of council to Officer Pjatak. Mr. Murray spoke regarding this also. Attorney Grecco asked that the letter be reworded or removed from his file. Commission stated that the Officer should write a letter stating he disagrees with the working and have it attached to the original letter. Attorney Grecco stated that his appeal was that the process for this investigation was violated and not done in the proper order – not the wording of the letter.

#### Comments from the Public

7:05pm Commission saw Minister Griffin and her attorney David Scalizi. Minister Griffin stated that she would postpone her request until the next meeting due to the time and would set up an appointment to meet with Chief Fontneau before the next meeting to discuss her issue. Commission thanked her and stated that she would be heard first on the agenda for next month.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:07pm to discuss the two appeals and was second by Commissioner Figueroa.

Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:21pm.

Commissioner Palmer made the motion to uphold the Chief's disciplinary action against Officer Zach of two days suspension and five days no Extra Duty work. This was second by Commissioner Figueroa – all were in favor.

Commissioner Mercede made a motion to uphold the Chief's letter to Officer Pjatak seconded by Commissioner Figueroa. All were in favor. Commission reiterated again that a letter should be written by Officer and placed in the IA file with the original letter.

Commissioner Abbazia adjourned the meeting at 7:23pm.

Submitted,

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Chairman