

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

APRIL 20, 2026

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ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Tony Lopez, Commissioner Ronald Paladino, Commissioner Nate Sumpter, Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons

STAFF: Chief James Walsh; Deputy Chief Terry Blake; Deputy Chief Melissa Lepore

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons called the meeting to order at 4:52 PM.

I. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons called the roll and stated that all those listed in the attendance were present.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2026

On page 3, change “Shannan” to “Shannon.”

**** COMMISSIONER PALADINO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation this evening.

IV. RECOGNITION

Chief Walsh said he received a memo from Sergeant Drew Sedlock detailing the arrest of an armed individual during a traffic stop. For his outstanding work, he is being named the March 2026 officer of the month.

(The commissioners congratulated Officer Arvanitakis)

Chief Walsh said that Officer Holmes is also being named officer of the month due to the leadership and initiative taken by Officer Holmes and brother officers, who were not only able to arrest a murder suspect without the use of force, but heroically place himself into a possible line of fire by placing their bodies as a shield in the doorway between the suspects and the two children.

(The commissioners congratulated Officer Holmes)

V. CHIEF'S EXECUTIVE REPORT

A. MARCH EXECUTIVE REPORT

Sworn Personnel Updates

Chief Walsh reported on patrol staffing as of March 30, 2026.

Civilian Personnel Updates

Chief Walsh provided an update on civilian personnel.

Departmental Initiatives

Chief Walsh reported on departmental initiatives and current issues.

Finance and Current Fiscal Year Budgeting

Chief Walsh provided an overview of the March 2026 budget status.

Chief Walsh read a letter sent by Reverend Gilbert Burgess, reflecting on the department's diversity and recruitment.

Chief Walsh said there were many submissions for Officer of the Month in March, and he added them to the commissioner's packet for acknowledgment.

VI. OPERATIONS REPORT

A. MARCH PATROL AND INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES REPORT

Deputy Chief Blake reported on the Detective Bureau's activity.

Deputy Chief Blake reported on the Special Services.

Deputy Chief Blake reported on Special Victims

Deputy Chief Blake reported on the Patrol Division's highlights,

VII. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

A. MARCH COMMUNITY POLICING AND TRAINING REPORT

Deputy Chief Lepore reported on the Community Police Services Division.

Deputy Chief Lepore reported on the Traffic Unit.

Deputy Chief Lepore provided an overview of the Behavioral Health Unit.

Deputy Chief Lepore provided an overview of the March training.

Deputy Chief Lepore reported on Animal Control.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. MARCH ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Deputy Chief reported on the March administrative report for March.

IX. PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. TUITION REIMBURSEMENT- DETECTIVE CHRISTOPHER IMPARATO

**** COMMISSIONER SUMPTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR DETECTIVE CHRISTOPHER IMPARATO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,831.00
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS

Chief Walsh read the complimentary letters that were received.

(The commissioners congratulated the officers)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

****COMMISSIONER SUMPTER MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd