

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

AUGUST 7, 2026

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ATTENDANCE: Mayor Barbara Smyth; Commissioner Tony Lopez; Commissioner Nate Sumpter; Commissioner Ronald Paladino; Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smyth called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Smyth called the roll; all those listed in the attendance were present.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Charles Khachian-802 Foxboro Drive

Mr. Khachian said he had sent an email to Chief Walsh. Mayor Smyth said public comments are limited to items on the agenda that he would receive a response to his email from Chief Walsh.

III. PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. REVIEW OF POLICE APPLICANT BACKGROUNDS

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Executive session began at 10:02 AM

Executive session ended at 10:48 PM

During the executive session, no motions were made, and no votes were taken.

V. PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. VOTE FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO PROBATIONARY OFFICERS

****COMMISSIONER PALADINO MOVED TO APPOINT THOMAS SMALLS AND SAMANTHA PONCE AS A PROBATIONARY OFFICERS TO THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 21, 2026.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd