

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

AUGUST 17, 2026

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

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 4:27 PM.

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Smyth called the roll and stated that all those listed in the attendance were present.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2026

**** COMMISSIONER LOPEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation this evening.

IV. RECOGNITION

A. JULY OFFICER OF THE MONTH: OFFICER MATTHEW MITCHELL AND OFFICER PAUL WARGO

Chief Walsh read the memo he had written to Officer Mitchell and Officer Wargo, selecting them as Officers of the Month for their response to a stabbing incident.

(The commissioners congratulated Officer Mitchell and Officer Wargo)

V. CHIEF'S EXECUTIVE REPORT

A. JULY EXECUTIVE REPORT

Sworn Personnel Updates

Chief Walsh reported on the sworn personnel updates for July 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 Administration Updates

Chief Walsh provided updates and noted that 8% of the overall overtime and 9% of the overall salary was spent in July. Overtime was up 34% from July 2025 and is being monitored.

VI. OPERATIONS REPORT

A. JULY PATROL AND INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES REPORT

Deputy Chief Blake reported on the Detective Bureau's activity, noting that 38 cases were opened in July, which is comparable from the previous year.

Deputy Chief Blake reported on Special Victims, noting that 22 cases were opened in July which is typical in the summer when school is not in session, but the number of family violence cases has increased from the previous year, but are lower than June.

Deputy Chief Blake reported on Special Services, noting that 23 cases were opened in July.

Deputy Chief Blake reported on the Marine Unit, noting that it had 69 calls for service and assisted and/or rescued 5 people.

Deputy Chief Blake reported on the Patrol Division's highlights, noting that there were 6,340 calls for service in July, which is down from 2025, but the arrests are up.

Deputy Chief Blake reported on selective enforcement and noted 1,113 violations issued for a total of 7,416 during the month of July.

VII. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

A. JULY COMMUNITY POLICING AND TRAINING REPORT

Deputy Dinho reported on the Community Police Services Division, noting 857 total calls for service and 10 community outreach events.

Deputy Chief Dinho reported on the Traffic Unit, noting there were 101 selective enforcement locations. There were 510 total traffic stops for the month of July.

Deputy Chief Dinho provided an overview of the Behavioral Health Unit statistics.

Deputy Chief Dinho provided an overview of the July training, noting that there were 12 subject areas and 77 officers in attendance.

Deputy Chief Dinho provided an overview of Animal Control Division statistics and noted there were 60 incidents in July.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. JULY ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Deputy Chief Lepore reported on the July administrative report, which included the fingerprinting report; permits, background checks, and criminal history checks; evidence processing; property cases; body dashboard video requests; and grant enforcement results.

IX. PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. ADDITION OF NEW CHAPLIN- REVEREND PAMELA RAE LANDAN

Chief Walsh said he was approached by the Chaplin leadership requesting an addition to the current Chaplin team. They recommended Reverend Pamela Rae Landan and noted that there is currently not a female Chaplin on the team.

**** COMMISSIONER PALADINO MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF REVEREND PAMELA RAE LANDAN AS A NEW ADDITIONAL CHAPLIN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DROP PLAN REQUEST- OFFICER MAX SIXTO

**** COMMISSIONER SUMPTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP REQUEST FOR OFFICER MAX SIXTO EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING ON AUGUST 31, 2031.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. ACTION: MOTION TO NAME THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS PLAZA AT ONE MONROE STREET IN HONOR OF RETIRED CHIEF AND FORMER MAYOR HARRY. W. RILLING.**

Chief Walsh read the letter that he had submitted to the Land Use Committee. The commissioners expressed their support.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE NAMING THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS PLAZA AT ONE MONROE STREET IN HONOR OF RETIRED CHIEF AND FORMER MAYOR HARRY. W. RILLING.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A. COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS

Chief Walsh read the two complimentary letters that he received in July.

(The commissioners congratulated the officers)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

****COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd