

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD**

Upon the Call of Chair Shaun Jones, a Special Meeting of the Town of East Hartford Personnel Appeals Board will be held:

Monday, November 29, 2021, 5:30 PM

Pursuant to Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7B, the Special Meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams:

Members of the public may attend the meeting by utilizing the below call-in number:

Call-In Phone Number: 1-929-235-8441

Phone Conference ID: 206 589 457#

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes of the November 8, 2021, and the November 18, 2021, meetings
3. Communications
 - a. Memo from the Office of the Corporation Counsel of November 23, 2021
4. Discussion
5. Adjournment

Distribution:

Personnel Appeals Board Members:

Shaun Jones, Chair

Godfred T. Ansah

Richard Bates

Rosamond White, Alternate

Town of East Hartford:

Mayor Michael P. Walsh

Jim Tallberg – Corporation Counsel

Richard P. Gentile – Assistant Corporation Counsel

Sandy Franklin – Interim Director of Human Resources

Scott M. Sansom – Chief of Police

Mack Hawkins – Deputy Chief of Police

Union Representation:

Sgt. Richard Dube - East Hartford Police Officers Association, President

Inv. Jason Cohen - East Hartford Police Officers Association, Vice President

Appellants:

Police Officer Jason Guerrero

Police Officer Frank Thomas

Supplementary Counsel for the Town of East Hartford:

Floyd J. Dugas, Esq.

c/o Berchem Moses PC, 75 Broad Street, Milford, CT 06460 or 1221 Post Road East, Westport, CT 06880

Other:

Stephen F. McEleney, Esq.

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HOW TO JOIN THE MEETING

- 1) Select the “Click here to join the meeting” link below. You will be prompted to either continue within your web browser or open the meeting on the Microsoft Teams application (if installed).

Join on your computer or mobile app

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November 23, 2021

To: Shaun Jones, Chair, Personnel Appeals Board

From: Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel 

Re: PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD / QUESTIONS RAISED AT NOVEMBER 18, 2021 MEETING

cc. Members of the Personnel Appeals Board

I have reviewed the minutes of the November 18, 2021 Personnel Appeals Board ("PAB") Meeting. At that meeting, the PAB asked our office a series of questions. The minutes made clear, however, that the PAB merely wanted "responses" not an official opinion.

Please know that the role of the Office of the Corporation Counsel is to assist boards and commissions by preparing written opinions concerning the legality, efficacy or validity of actions or positions proposed by the board or commission (see Town Charter Sections 5.1 (b) and (c)). The Charter does not contemplate that our office take the time to analyze and answer legal questions without the ability to issue a legal opinion. Merely giving "responses" to these questions creates a dynamic where our legal analysis and conclusions could be misinterpreted or ignored.

If the PAB would like an opinion on authority concerning the current appeal requests, kindly contact our office.