

The Town of East Hartford's Personnel Appeals Board
Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2016

Present:

Panel Members

Shaun Jones, Chair
Paul Sousa
Valentine P. Povinelli, Jr.
Lynn L. Kayser

Appellants

Joshua Recker
Steven Purcell
James Sopelak
Matthew Hannon

For Management

Santiago Malave
Chief Oates
Susan Kyeremateng

Present Under Subpoena

Captain Michael Berry, Nbfd

Atty. For Management

Atty. Peter Janus

Atty. For Appellants

Atty. Eric Chester

For The Union

Daniel Wasilewski

Absent

Aaron LaPointe – Appellant
Thomas Ogar - Panelist

Additional Firefighters Present

Matthew Braunshweiger
Marcus Rice

John Oczkowski
Jared Weiner

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Robert J. Reak

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, May 25, 2016
Time of Meeting: 6:00 P.M.
Meeting Location: East Hartford Town Hall, 740 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Welling Conf. Room

- 1) Meeting called to order by Chairman Jones at 6:06 p.m.
- 2) Chairman Jones thanked Alternate Panel Members for attending the meeting. Alternate Robert Keating has submitted his resignation from this panel. Panel will now be comprised of Paulo Sousa, Valentine P. Povinelli, Jr., Lynn L. Kayser, Thomas Ogar, and Chairman Jones.
- 3) Review of minutes of May 11 meeting. Since they were not in attendance at this meeting, Mr. Sousa and Mr. Povinelli abstained from voting to approve minutes. No questions or comments on the minutes. Minutes approved.
- 4) Atty. Janus requested private conversation with Mr. Malave. The meeting was halted until they returned from the hallway. Upon his return, Atty. Janus initiated a discussion and made an objection regarding the fact that two of the board members present at the meeting were not in attendance at the May 11, 2016 meeting and did not hear the 2 hours of testimony delivered by the Appellants. Conversely two of members that were present at the May 11,

2016 meeting were now absent. Hence the Board, as presently constituted, should not proceed to hear the appeals. The issue should be presented to Town Corporation Counsel for his opinion.

- 5) Attorney Chester made the same objection as Attorney Janus.
- 6) Captain Berry (New Britain Fire Department) attended this meeting under subpoena. Town of New Britain will require a new subpoena for his presence at the next scheduled meeting.
- 7) Atty. Chester stepped into the hall for private discussion with Appellants. Meeting was halted to await their return. Upon their return, Atty. Chester wanted verification of the makeup of the panel, and wanted to be certain that Mr. Ogar is a necessary member of this panel. Discussion confirmed that panel will consist of Mr. Sousa, Mr. Povinelli, Ms. Kayser, Mr. Ogar, and Chairman will remain Mr. Jones.
- 8) Three Further meetings have been scheduled:
 - August 31
 - September 6
 - September 12
 - September 13All meetings will be held in East Hartford Town Hall, Welling Conference Room, at 6:00 p.m.
- 9) Motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. by Paul Sousa, seconded by Lynne Kayser.

The aforementioned Notice & Agenda was filed with the East Hartford Town Clerk and the East Hartford Town Council Clerk. In addition, all Board Members and Appellants were sent a copy via the United States Postal Service.

These meeting minutes were also distributed as follows:

Mayor Marcia Leclerc	Asst. Fire Chief William Perez
Finance Director, Michael Walsh	Chief Training Officer James Silver
Corp. Counsel, Scott Chadwick	Union V.P, Matthew Flor