POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Police Commission was called to order by Chair Lemke, at 5:02 P.M. in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. In attendance were Chair Eric Lemke, Commissioner Jenna Caulfield, Commissioner Tenesha Grant, Commissioner James Traficante, Chief Nicholas Boulter, and Deputy Chief Chris Davis.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Caulfield read the summary of letters received since the last meeting of the commission on June 8, 2026.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. After a motion was made by Commissioner Grant and seconded by Commissioner Caulfield, it was unanimous:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting, June 22, 2026 Special Meeting and August 19, 2026 Special Meeting.

5. REPORTS

a. Chairperson's Report

i. None

b. Chief's Report

i. General

- **Personnel:** Dispatcher Fanelli was hired in August and is progressing through field training with an expected completion of late November or early December. Officer Nado graduated from the police academy in June and is currently in field training with an expected completion date of late October or early November. Officer Newberry has been in the police academy since July 2026 with an expected graduation in December. She is expected to complete her field training in April of 2027. Both Christian Colon and Jon Greco were hired in August and start the police academy this Friday, September 18, with an expected graduation of March 2027. After more than 25 years of service with the Department, Officer Gary Gray is retiring as of September 30, 2026. Gary joined the Department in 2001 and was assigned to the Patrol Division for more than half of his career. For about 10 years, he was assigned to the traffic unit. Gary has been a crisis negotiator with the north central regional team for the last 23 years, a field training officer since 2006 and the recipient of several formal recognitions over his career. With 5 new officers hired since December 2025 and 4 departures, including Officer Gray, the department is 4 officers shy of a full roster. The department is still seeking to fill these sworn officer positions.
- **Recent/Upcoming events:** The Senior Picnic was held on September 2. It is a collaboration between Social Services; Culture, Parks and Recreation and the Police Department since 2000. There were approximately 200 seniors that attended for lunch and interactions with members of the police department, police commission and other town employees, elected and appointed officials. Public school started late last month. As you may have seen, there were

portable message signs around town advising motorist that school begins. The police department pre-emptively placed one message sign on the private roadway of Bickford Street at Bushy Hill Road to prevent student drop off in that private development.

- **Accreditation: T**his past June, the department completed CALEA's year one web-based assessment of a four-year cycle, looking at 140 standards including recruitment, body worn cameras and training.

ii. Monthly Activity Report –June, July & August 2026

6. REVIEW OF PROPOSED UPDATES TO GENERAL ORDER

a. Amended GO 41-2 The updates and changes to GO 41-2 were presented and discussion followed.

After a motion was made by Commissioner Caulfield and seconded by Commissioner Traficante, it was unanimous:

VOTED: To approve amended GO 41-2, effective October 1, 2026.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Caulfield made a motion to adjourn at 5:20 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Grant. All were in favor and the motion passed.