

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HIGHWOOD  
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING (VIA ZOOM)**

**January 21, 2021**

I. Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm

II. Roll Call: Chairman Leon, Commissioner Barnwell, Commissioner Bernstein present

Also present:

James Ferolo – Counsel to the Board

Coren v. Pieri  
Scott Coren – City Manager, City of Highwood and Complainant in

Ronald Pieri – Respondent in Coren v. Pieri

Jolanta Zinevich – Counsel to Complainant Coren

Harold Saafeld – Counsel to Respondent Pieri

Kathy Bono – Court Reporter

Maggie Pieri

III. Motion by Bernstein, seconded by Barnwell to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2021 meeting

Roll call: Leon – Aye

Barnwell – Aye

Bernstein – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Coren v. Pieri

Continued hearing proceedings

Argument regarding the penalty phase of the proceedings – aggravation and mitigation

COMPLAINANT

Counsel presented documentary evidence and Coren was examined and cross examined

RESPONDENT

Pieri was examined and cross examined

Both parties requested the right to submit written arguments in support of their positions regarding the appropriate penalty

The Board established the following schedule for submission of arguments:

February 22, 2021 – Complainant's submission

March 15, 2021 – Respondent's response

March 22, 2021 – Complainant's reply

Roll call vote: Leon – Aye

Barnwell – Aye

Bernstein – Aye

Motion carried unanimously

VI. Motion to adjourn by Bernstein, seconded by Barnwell

Roll call: Leon – Aye

Barnwell – Aye

Bernstein – Aye

Motion carried unanimously

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm