

Board of Selectwomen Special Meeting
October 18, 2023
APPROVED MINUTES

The Westport Board of Selectwomen held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 11:00 AM in Westport Town Hall Room 309 for the following purpose:

- In accordance with Town Code Sec. C4-5, to take such action as the meeting may determine, to conduct a hearing on a personnel matter regarding Andres Lapadula.

In attendance were Jennifer Tooker, Andrea Moore, Gary Conrad, Chris Hodgson, Andres Lapadula, Foti Koskinas, members of the public, and Eileen Francis, recording secretary.

<https://view.earthchannel.com/PlayerController.aspx?&PGD=westportct&eID=2054> (audio only)

CALL TO ORDER: 11:00 AM

Second Selectwoman Andrea Moore and Attorney Chris Hodgson provided guidance as to the purpose of the meeting; to allow Mr. Lapadula the opportunity to respond to his termination letter of October 5, 2023.

Mr. Lapadula requested an immediate adjournment of the meeting and requested that the First Selectwoman grant an extension.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Jennifer Tooker, seconded by Andrea Moore and passing by a vote of 2-0, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal issues at 11:05 AM.

In attendance at the Executive Session were Jennifer Tooker, Andrea Moore, Chris Hodgson, Gary Conard, Foti Koskinas, and Eileen Francis.

The Executive Session ended at 11:11 AM

CONTINUATION

First Selectwoman Jennifer Tooker informed Mr. Lapadula that she did not agree to an extension of the hearing, but would listen to Mr. Lapadula at this time.

Mr. Lapadula was provided the opportunity to respond to his termination. He asked questions of Mr. Conrad and Attorney Hodgson. Attorney Hodgson asked if he had anything further to add, Mr. Lapadula indicated that he had no further comments or questions. The Board had no additional questions or comments, nor did they require another Executive Session.

RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Andrea Moore, seconded by Jennifer Tooker and passing by a vote of 2-0, the Board APPROVED the following:

RESOLVED, that the First Selectwoman is hereby authorized to terminate Andres Lapadula's employment effective immediately.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Andrea Moore, seconded by Jennifer Tooker and passing by a vote of 2-0, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

/Eileen Francis/

Eileen Francis, Recording Secretary