

Connecticut General Assembly
Logistics
Subcommittee
Police Transparency & Accountability Task Force

Rep. Joshua Hall, Chairperson



c/o Judiciary Committee, Room 2500
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Ct 06106

Minutes
Tuesday, March 2, 2021
5:00 p.m., via Zoom

Attendees: Joshua Hall (Chair), Chief William Wright, John Szewczyk, Stephen Saloom, Ken Green, Shafiq Abdussabur, Tanya Hughes, Kelly Moore, Bishop John Selders

Others: Ken Barone (CCSU), C.J. McGuffey (POSTC), Renee LaMark Muir (CCSU), Sharad Samy (CCSU), Patrick Hulin, Andrew Clark (CCSU)

- I. Convene meeting and welcome
 - a. *Chair Hall convened the meeting at 5:00pm. At the request of the chair, members and guests introduced themselves.*

- II. Approve February 2, 2021 meeting minutes
 - a. *A motion was made by John Szewczyk to approve the minutes from 2/02/21. The motion was seconded by Chief William Wright. The minutes were approved unanimously.*

- III. Old Business
 - a. Citizen Complaint Database Proposal

Ken Barone reminded subcommittee members that at the January 2021 task force meeting, the recommendation of the subcommittee for a citizen complain database was sent back to the subcommittee for further discussion. During the subcommittee's February meeting, members requested POSTC to determine if they would be capable of collecting citizen complaint information as outlined in the original proposal. The original recommendation requested that OPM maintain a citizen complaint database. There was not consensus among the task force that OPM should be responsible for housing this database. POSTC reported back that they would be

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capable to compiling citizen complaint information on an annual basis. They indicated that they may work with a local university to manage the initiative. Ken stated that POSTC would have the authority to ensure compliance with the citizen complaint reporting by making it a requirement of state accreditation. The recommendation provides POSTC with the authority to determine the citizen complaints that warrant reporting.

A motion was made by Chief William Wright and seconded by John Szewczyk to adopt the citizen complaint proposal with changes to require POSTC to collect and report citizen complaint information. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. Civilian Review Board Proposal

Ken Barone provided an update regarding the two civilian review board recommendations forwarded to the subcommittee by the Connecticut Bar Association Policing Task Force. The first recommendation was a set of guidelines for municipalities to consider when developing a civilian review board. The second recommendation included a requirement that all police agencies have a civilian review board. Members had questions about the original proposal forwarded by the CBA and requested to speak with the authors of the recommendation. Members agreed to table the recommendations until further discussions with the CBA could occur.

c. Internal Affairs Work Group Recommendations

The Internal Affairs work group reported back on two of their recommendations. The first recommendation was the authorize the Office of the Attorney General to conduct investigations, and if warranted, file civil litigation to eliminate a pattern or practice of any conduct by municipal law enforcement agencies that deprives persons of rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the State of Connecticut. The second recommendation required the POSTC to establish pre-service and in-service training courses for police officers conducting and supervising internal investigations. Members discussed both recommendations. Chief Wright raised concerns regarding some of the language in the rationale for the first recommendation. He mentioned that he supports the general concept outlined in the recommendation but requested time to review and

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provide feedback before voting. Members agreed to table to recommendations and meeting later in the month once changes have been considered.

d. Community/Police Leadership Discussion update- Stephen Saloom

Stephen Saloom proposed the idea of developing small community dialogues between law enforcement and the public. He indicated that the conversations could be most productive when they occur more organically. The goal would be to find ways to develop a better understanding between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Ken Green stated that he also supports bringing together the community and law enforcement in a more organic way. He expressed a concern that he believes community members still hold, which is whether the culture of policing will change or just policies related to policing. Members of the subcommittee discussed and agreed that further dialogue would be helpful. The subcommittee will continue to work towards achieving this goal.

IV. New Business

a. CTRP3 Evaluation and Recommendations of a primary and secondary traffic enforcement system

Ken Barone requested that members read the memo provided by the CT Racial Profiling Prohibition Advisory Board regarding a primary and secondary traffic enforcement system. Due to time limitations a discussion on the memo was tables for a future meeting.

V. Announcement of time and date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.