

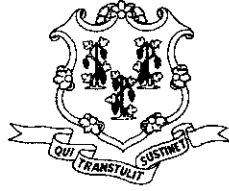
The Connecticut General Assembly

Task Force on Victim Privacy and the Public's Right to Know

Co-Chairs:

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Friday, January 24, 2014, 1:30pm, Legislative Office Building, Room 1E Meeting of:

Task Force on Victim Privacy and The Public's Right To Know

Members present: Rep. Angel Arce, Co-Chair; Don DeCesare, Co-Chair; Garvin Ambrose; Reuben Bradford; Sen. Eric Coleman; Klarm DePalma; William Dunlap; Sen. Len Fasano; Kevin Kane; Antoinette Webster (associate of Commissioner Bradford); Brian Koonz; Colleen Murphy; Jim Smith; Andrew Woods; Rep. Debra Lee Hovey; Susan Storey; Jillian Knox; Jodie Mozder-Gil

I. Co-Chair DeCesare called meeting to order at 1:45 pm.

Chair explained safety rules for room 1E. Thanked CT-N for its coverage of the Task Force meetings and hearings. Availability on CT-N for 2 years and at the State Library for perpetuity.

Approval of minutes of previous meeting of December 24, 2013. Motion by Sen. Fasano second by Garvin Ambrose. Vote to approve unanimous.

Co-Chair will review minutes of today's meeting and minutes will be posted on the internet.

- I. Re: Final report, members should have considered accuracy regarding recommendations and votes. Does the report reflect conversations held during meetings, whether agreed to or not.
- II. Comments followed:

Susan Storey: Report well written; fair representation of what took place at meetings.

Jim Smith: Well written report; overall fair representation. Questions as to why all of his additional comments were not included in report.

Co-Chair DeCesare responded that all edits were looked at carefully, all unedited personal statements will be included in the final report. Report will be delivered to legislative leaders, legislative library and the state library.

Brian Koonz thanked all participants. Said it was an honor to serve on the powerful and relevant Task Force. Report was accurate, but yes vote was not necessarily an overwhelming endorsement of everything in it.

Jodie Mozder-Gil echoed the statements re: process; reluctantly supported compromise.

Colleen Murphy appreciated members work, done with sincerity and passion; does not totally agree with report. Must be a public hearing opportunity re: further exemptions to FOI.

Jim Smith stated he was honored to have served on Task Force. Working journalist have great concern in shutting off any information from the public. They are very concerned about the vote of the Task Force.

Senator Coleman commended members of the Task Force and the manner in which they worked. He also praised the co-chairs for their fairness.

Co-Chair DeCesare gave special thanks to retiring Commissioner Reuben Bradford for his service to the State of Connecticut.

Commissioner Bradford responded that it was his pleasure to have worked with everyone on the Task Force.

Co-Chair DeCesare, said it has been an enjoyable experience as well as a learning experience to have served on the Task Force. Expressed thanks to Clerks Ken Neal and Barbara Gordon for their work. Praised Terry Adams and Chris Reinhart of the Office of Legislative Research. Expressed special gratitude to Shannon McCarthy of the Legislative Commissioner's Office for being his "rock" during the Task Force proceedings. Co-Chair Angel Arce also wished Commissioner Bradford good luck. Rep. Arce thanked Task Force members, said they have enriched his life. He is comfortable with the balance of the report. Agrees with Atty. Murphy that report should go to public hearing and debate on floor of the House and Senate.

III. No further business, meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ken Neal
Clerk

Barbara Gordon
Asst. Clerk

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