

Connecticut General Assembly

Police Transparency & Accountability Task Force

Daryl McGraw, Co-Chairperson



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

PUBLIC AWARENESS SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Online- WebEx

11:30 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Daryl McGraw (Chair); Rev. Steven Cousin; Chief Keith Mello (Milford PD), Steven Hernandez (CWSEO), Andy Friedland (ADL), Tamara Lanier (NAACP); Dep. Chief Maggie Silver (UCONN PD)

Others:

Ken Barone (IMRP); Andrew Clark (IMRP)

I. Welcome

a. *Chair McGraw convened the meeting at 1:08pm and welcomed everyone to the subcommittee.*

II. Introductions

a. *Members and staff in attendance introduced themselves. Ken Barone provided a background of the full Taskforce, as well as the subcommittee structure. Also discussed was the proposed legislation on police transparency and accountability currently being considered by the CGA for an upcoming special session.*

III. Public listening sessions planning

- a. *Ken Barone and Chair McGraw outlined a potential framework for conducting public listening sessions, including: 1) large community discussions; 2) expert panels; 3) survey data; 4) organized dialogues. Mr. Hernandez asked if there would be linguistic access for non-English speakers. Chief Mello suggested hybrid sessions – combining indoor and outdoor access. Mr. Hernandez suggested setting up virtual stations where the public could come and testify in places such as public libraries or community centers. Also suggested was the sessions be streamed live. Ms. Lanier expressed concern over expert panels and Mr. Barone suggested that these could be on topics that the full task force was exploring. Rev. Cousins offered to host a discussion in New Haven. Members agreed to begin work on setting up the first large community discussion, to be discussed at the next meeting.*
- b. *A few other topics discussed: 1) the need for a website to gather and share information; outreach with media outlets; communication strategies.*

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- IV. Establish regular meeting schedule.
 - a. *A regular meeting schedule was not established. However, members agreed on a next meeting date of July 28, 2020, from 11:30am – 12:30pm.*
- V. Comment by members
- VI. Adjournment
 - a. *The meeting adjourned at 2:12pm*

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