

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 28, 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), Atty Rich Colangelo (Chief State's Attorney)

Others:

Ken Barone (IMRP); Andrew Clark (IMRP); Deb Blanchard (Judiciary Committee); Richard Frieder (CT Collaborative on Race, Justice and Poverty)

I. Welcome

a. *Chair McGraw convened the meeting at 11:33am and welcomed everyone to the subcommittee.*

II. Introductions

a. *Members and staff in attendance introduced themselves.*

III. Public listening sessions planning

- a. *Members began to plan the first large community discussion, to be held in New Haven, hosted by Rev Cousin, tentatively on August 19 4-7pm (August 20 rain date). Members decided the event would be streamed virtually, but that testimony would not be provided virtually. Instead, virtual listen sessions would be held separately in the various regions. Ms. Lanier asked about a community coordinator for the in-person sessions. Rev. Cousin indicated he can help facilitate the Aug 19 session. Mr. Hernandez indicated he would reach out to foundations to see about memorializing the sessions. Members agreed that the sessions should not be narrowly defined in scope but should be fairly broad to allow for the public to not be limited in what they could share.*
- 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 August 4, 2020, from 11:30am – 12:30pm.*
- V. Comment by members
 - a. *No additional comments.*
- VI. Adjournment
 - a. *The meeting adjourned at 12:17pm*