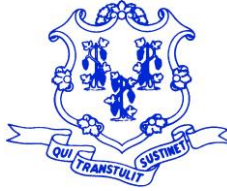


Connecticut General Assembly
Logistics Subcommittee
of the
Police Transparency & Accountability Task Force

Rep. Joshua Hall, Chairperson



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

DRAFT MINUTES
Tuesday, August 18, 2020
1:00 p.m., via Zoom

Attendees: Joshua Hall (Chair), Daryl McGraw, Chief William Wright, Ken Green, Tanya Hughes, Bishop John Selders, John Szewczyk, Mel Medina, Shafiq Abdussabur, Stephen Saloom

Others: Ken Barone (CCSU), Deb Blanchard (Judiciary Committee), Andrew Clark (CCSU), Renee LaMark Muir (CCSU), Sharad Samy (Guest)

I. Convene meeting and welcome

Chair Hall convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Members introduced themselves.

II. Approve August 4, 2020 meeting minutes

A motion was made by Stephen Saloom and seconded by Chief Wright to approve the minutes. There were no objections and the motion passed.

III. Review updated Task Force priorities documents

Ken Barone provided an overview of a document shared with subcommittee members which outlined legislative mandates for the task force, other priorities established by the task force and additional subcommittee priorities. The document highlighted any other committees that may be working on recommendations for a particular priority. The document was intended to serve as a guide to identifying both short and long-term goals of the subcommittee. Renee LaMark Muir also compiled a more comprehensive document that included prior research that may have been conducted on some priorities.

Other committees, such as the Connecticut Bar Association Policing Task Force, have agreed to share recommendations, research and other findings with this subcommittee for our review.

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The subcommittee discussed short-term and long-term priorities. It was determined that the committee would initially focus on the following tasks: (1) the merits and feasibility of requiring police officers to procure and maintain professional liability insurance as a condition of employment; (2) the merits and feasibility of requiring a municipality to maintain professional liability insurance on behalf of its police officers; (3) the impact of Section 41 of PA 20-1 on a municipalities ability to maintain liability insurance, and (4) whether any of the grounds for revocation or cancellation of a police officer certification under section 7-294d of the general statutes should result in mandatory revocation by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, as opposed to discretionary revocation. The committee will work to have recommendations in these areas for the full task force by the end of this calendar year.

Members discussed their current understanding of the police decertification process. Renee LaMark Muir agreed to produce a written document that outlines the current decertification process and changes being made as part of PA 20-1. Rep. Hall requested more information on past cases of decertification.

Ken Green asked a question about the duty to intervene doctrine. Chief Wright discussed the duty to intervene, training in this area and policies related to it.

IV. Discussion regarding Section 41 of P.A. 20-1 (Government Immunity)

CHRO wrote a memo outlining their interpretation of qualified immunity, government immunity and the changes made in Section 41 of P.A. 20-1. The memo was shared with committee members and CHRO was asked to present on the memo at the next meeting.

Ken Barone suggested that the staff draft a list of questions for the insurance industry and municipal governments to solicit information on the impact of section 41. Members agreed that gathering more information would be appropriate at this time.

V. Announcement of time and date of next meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for September 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. There was no more discussion and the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.