

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, September 1, 2020

11:00 a.m., via Zoom

Attendees: (Chair) Daryl McGraw, Dep. Chief Maggie Vargas-Silver, Andy Friedland, Werner Oyanadel, Chief Mello, Rev. Steven Cousin

Others: Ken B, Deb B, Andrew C, Richard Frieder (Everyday Democracy), Joyce Wong (Everyday Democracy)

- I. Convene meeting and welcome
 - a. *Chair McGraw convened the meeting at 11:04am*
- II. Discussion: Listening Session planning
 - a. Listening Session Advertisement and Membership Coverage
 - i. *Chair McGraw – some marketing has been done. Make sure to push out to your networks. Question: have people signed up yet to speak? Ken gave an update on planning to date. We have 18 registered to speak at all 8 sessions. Four are scheduled to speak at Thursday in the am and 1 in the evening. Would be good to get at least 5 to speak in each. Deb B – is it ok for people to sign up no matter where they live? Yes – no restrictions on an individual's location. Judiciary hasn't received any testimony yet. CT-N will be covering both sessions on Thursday. Not sure which ones they will cover beyond this Thursday. It will also be streamed on CWSEO Facebook live page. Werner – would it make sense to reschedule people if we only have one scheduled on a night? Ken – sign up form includes name, email address and which session they'd like to speak. Members discussed the options and agreed to keep the sessions, regardless of how many sign up. If there is open time, the Task Force will have the opportunity to discuss the Task Force and market the listening sessions on CT-N.*
 - ii. *Joyce Wong from Everyday Democracy shared her screen and walked members through proposed evaluation support for the listening sessions. It would include a report on themes from transcriptions of the sessions, as well as analysis of a post listening session survey. Chair McGraw asked for*

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responses: Rev. Cousin, Chief Mello, Andy Friedland agreed it looks good. Chair reiterated the need to get the listening sessions information out to the general public. Chair asked if any members were opposed to ED doing the evaluation work. No one expressed opposition. ED will be ok to move forward.

- iii. *Ken - Great feedback on website so far.*
- iv. *Chief Mello – listening session on Sept 17 – 1 hr – on POSTC Use of Force subcommittee. Chair McGraw will share info with Task Force members.*

III. Adjournment

- a. *After a motion and second, the meeting adjourned at 11:57am.*