

Connecticut General Assembly
Logistics
Subcommittee
Police Transparency & Accountability Task Force

Rep. Joshua Hall, Chairperson



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

Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2020
5:00 p.m., via Zoom

Attendees: Joshua Hall (Chair), 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), Reed Barthold (Guest), Patrick Hulin (Governor's office)

- I.** Convene meeting and welcome
 - a. *Chair Hall convened the meeting at 5:02pm*
- II.** Approve August 18, 2020 meeting minutes
 - a. *Members discussed a change to the minutes regarding the usage of "mandatory". Upon and motion and second, the amended minutes were approved via voice vote.*
- III.** Review CBA Task Force draft recommendations regarding Inspector General
 - a. *Chair Hall and Ken Barone provided members with a brief background of the topic. The CBA Task Force has forwarded three draft recommendations to the Logistics Subcommittee for review (per meeting handout). They are: 1) That Section 33(a) of An Act Concerning Police Accountability, Bill 6004 ("The Act") be changed so that candidates outside of the State Criminal Justice Commission are eligible for the position of Inspector General and for positions within the staff of the Inspector General's Office. 2) that the Inspector General be directed to make findings regarding whether police officers involved in incidents under investigation violated any police procedures, policies or protocols during the course of the incident.; and 3) the Inspector General have the authority to issue subpoenas to civilians who may have witnessed a use of force incident and/or have relevant knowledge or information regarding the incident.*

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Comments: A discussion ensued on the three recommendations. Members expressed reservations on items 2 and 3 but agreed to forward recommendation #1 to the Full Task Force immediately. Ken Barone will submit revised language to the Subcommittee for consideration prior to sending revised recommendation to the Full Task Force.

- IV.** Review questions for insurance companies regarding personal liability insurance
- a. Chair Hall introduced the topic to members. Ken Barone and Sharad Samy provided some background on the issue for members. These questions will be sent to insurance companies, but answers will be anonymous. Question on mental health assessment impact on liability insurance. Mr. Samy will revise questions to include information on impact of PTSD assessment to insurance coverage. Ken Barone will reach out to UCONN Law – Insurance Law Division – to ask questions of them regarding other industries. Members also asked if we can investigate the Colorado law. The Chair thanked Mr. Samy for all his efforts. Members agreed that Mr. Barone will send the revised questions to CIRMA, as well as UCONN for review and consideration.*
- V.** Discussion regarding Section 41 of P.A. 20-1 (Government Immunity)
- a. CHRO Memo – Tanya Hughes asked for the item to be tabled to allow for authors to present on the memo in the next meeting.*
- b. Questions for CIRMA and other stakeholders*
- VI.** Police decertification process background information update
- a. Chair Hall asked Renee Muir to present background on work done to date. Members discussed the issue in detail. Next steps: POSTC (Chief Mello) will be invited to present on their work addressing this issue.*
- VII.** Announcement of time and date of next meeting.
- a. Tuesday, Sept 22 at 5pm. Anticipate presentations from CHRO, POSTC and possible responses on insurance issue.*
- VIII.** Adjournment
- a. Upon a motion and second, members approved the adjournment at 6:59pm*