

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 29, 2020

11:00 a.m., via Zoom

*Members present: Chair McGraw, Dep. Chief Maggie Vargas-Silver, Steve H, Rev. Cousin,
Rev Cousin, Chief Mello*

Others: Richard Frieder, Deb Blanchard, Henri Alphonse, Andrew Clark

- I.** Convene meeting and welcome
 - a. *Chair McGraw convened the meeting at 11:02am.*
- II.** Approval of 9/1/20 meeting minutes
 - a. *Approved via voice vote.*
- III.** Discussion: Listening Session recap
 - a. *Themes – numbers of people testifying w/disabilities. What’s missing? Daryl- Youth. Members agreed that the sessions all seemed to be very productive. They lauded the Chair for his approach to chairing the sessions. Dep. Chief Vargas-Silver suggested making future events public for just viewing. Question: Should we have something separate for police? Responses: After discussing, members agreed that doing something separately for police would be valuable. Andrew provided an update from Joyce at Everyday Democracy on the listening sessions report. Richard Frieder – valuable for people to be heard. Rev. Cousin – how do we bridge the gap w/law enforcement? A robust conversation on this topic ensued between members.*
- IV.** Discussion: next steps
 - a. Youth listening sessions
 - i. *Members agreed on hosting specific youth sessions. Members discussed possible venues and approaches to listening sessions. Andrew and Richard will come back with specific recommendations.*
 - ii.

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- b. Everyday Democracy dialogue proposal (Richard Frieder)
 - i. *Tabled until the next meeting*
- V. Schedule date and time of next meeting
 - a. *October 13, 11am.*
- VI. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm

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