

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, April 27, 2021
5:00 p.m., via Zoom

Attendees: Joshua Hall (Chair), Chief William Wright, Stephen Saloom, Claudine Fox, Shafiq Abdussabur, Tanya Hughes

Others: Ken Barone (CCSU), Karen Boisvert (POSTC), CJ McGuffey (POSTC), Renee LaMark Muir (CCSU)

- I.** Convene meeting and welcome
 - a. *Chair Hall convened the meeting at 5:05pm. At the request of the chair, members and guests introduced themselves.*

- II.** Approve March 30, 2021 meeting minutes
 - a. *A motion was made by Tanya Hughes to approve the minutes from 03/30/21. The motion was seconded by Chief William Wright. The minutes were approved unanimously.*

- III.** Old Business
 - a. *Internal Affairs Work Group update: Renee LaMark Muir informed members that the work group is in the process of scheduling a meeting with the Attorney General's office and CHRO to discuss the proposal to expand civil rights authority for patterns and practice investigations of police departments to the AG's office. The work group submitted a series of questions to CHRO and Tanya Hughes indicated that the agency would respond by the suggested date. The work group will keep members apprised of the outcome of that meeting and next steps will be shared at a future date.*

 - b. *CTRP3 Evaluation and Recommendations of a primary and secondary traffic enforcement system: Ken Barone reviewed a memo provided by the CT Racial Profiling Prohibition Project advisory board outlining their thoughts on the*

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development of a primary and secondary traffic stop system. The memo highlighted what a primary and secondary traffic stop system is, and considerations that should be made when choosing which statutes to include in the system.

The CTRP3 advisory board concluded that the development of such a system is certainly feasible, and it has merit. Reforms need to be carefully considered and their impact should be studied to ensure that public safety is not jeopardized.

- *Any initial reforms should focus on select areas that have demonstrated statistically significant racial disparities but have a lesser impact on public safety.*
 - *There is general consensus that stops for cell phone, seatbelt, speed, stop sign, traffic control signal and other moving violations should remain unchanged at this time.*
- *Stops generally categorized as equipment-related and administrative have demonstrated statistically significant racial and ethnic disparities and should be reviewed for potential inclusion in a secondary traffic law system.*
 - *Equipment offenses include defective lights, display of plates, window tint and other general equipment violations. Administrative offenses include registration, unlicensed operation, uninsured operation and other general types of administrative violations.*
 - *Equipment or administrative offenses vary significantly in terms of their relationship to public safety. Some violations more directly impact the safety of a vehicle on the roadway. For example, a vehicle not displaying any headlights in darkness will logically impact roadway safety more significantly than a vehicle operating with one taillight not operating.*
- *Any initial reforms should be targeted to the areas with the greatest benefit for decreasing racial disparities and costs to public health, safety, and trust in police institutions with the least probable effect on overall highway safety. A full assessment of the impact of those reforms should be undertaken before additional broader changes are made.*

Members discussed the feasibility of such a system and whether a larger overhaul of the traffic stop system should be considered. Members agreed to begin reviewing proposals and statutes for consideration at the next meeting.

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IV. New Business

There was no New Business to discuss.

V. General Discussion

There was no general discussion.

VI. Announcement of time and date of next meeting

The next meeting will be May 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.