

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, August 17, 2021
1:00 p.m., via Zoom

Attendees: Chair Joshua Hall, Ken Barone, Chief William Wright (ret.), Tanya Hughes, John Szewczyk, Renee LaMark Muir, Claudine Fox, Henri Alphonse Mendoza, Andrew Clark, Karen Boisvert, Makenzie Ozycz, Cheryl Sharp, Shafiq Abdussabur, Stephen Saloom

- I.** Convene meeting and welcome
 - a. Chair Hall convened the meeting at 1:00 pm.

- II.** Approve July 20, 2021 meeting minutes
 - a. Minutes from 7/20/21 were approved via voice note with one abstention from Chief William Wright.

- III.** Old Business
 - a. Update on recommendations regarding departmental policies available online and public census information regarding officers.
Ken Barone updated members that at the last full Task Force meeting the logistic subcommittee's recommendations were presented, they will be voted on at the next meeting. Ken Barone also updated that the primary/secondary recommendation was adopted by the full Task Force with no changes.

 - b. Follow-up to presentation regarding how professional bondsman take into custody a person
Ken Barone reviewed Renee LaMark Muir's presentation from the last subcommittee meeting. Renee presented a report summarizing presentation from last meeting. The recommendation is no recommendation, just to provide background information. Shafiq asked if we're regulating police officer force, who is regulating bondsmen force policies. Renee responded no one is, the bail industry is dangerously unregulated. Ken commented that this issue is presented in the full report for the Task Force, and clarified that the subcommittee is recommending is that the Task

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Force endorse the report that Renee produced, and included in the final report to the legislature. Chair Hall asked for a motion to endorse the report, William Wright and Shafiq motioned to endorse, the motion carried.

IV. New Business

a. CBA Draft Proposal- Civilian Interview Panels

Ken Barone presented the proposal. The first recommendation is the establishment of the civilian interview panel as part of the police hiring process for every agency, including the type of people that should be included in such a panel, including a recommendation of one law personnel being included in the panel. The second recommendation involving panels is that they also be used to evaluate officers being put up for command staff level promotions.

Shafiq questioned if the people on this panel will receive cultural training, introductory training. He also questioned where this would fall under the guidelines of the hiring process for the civil service commission itself. Ken Barone responded that he has written down questions to bring back to the group responsible for the proposal. John Szewczyk added looking into the confidentiality of the interview panels. William Wright added that training would be critically important for persons on a panel. Claudine Fox questioned who would make up the panel, and setting guidelines or intentionality for those involved. Next steps include Ken Barone forwarding questions to the CBA and recommending that they attend the next meeting.

b. CBA Moral Recognition Subcommittee Draft Proposals

Ken Barone presented the proposal. The first recommendation is reconciliation, involving community trust and justice through reconciliation training. The Police Accountability bill secured 3 million dollars in bonding funds to provide police training for law enforcement in the areas of implicit bias, procedural justice, and reconciliation. Another recommendation included professional development training, working with local and national organizations to develop DEI training across the state. The third recommendation is a public trust assessment, including community surveys or regular evaluations. The fourth recommendation included racial bias training in hiring managers. The fifth recommendation is the POST council forming a racial justice working group to oversee the DEI coordinator along

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with future trainings. Steven Saloom recommended a more structured format for discussion. Ken Barone recommended that next steps should include focusing in two areas for the next meeting, the POST council creating a social/racial justice workgroup, and the POST council academy hiring a DEI coordinator. Ken Barone updated that the POST council approved a statewide training on use of force.

V. General Discussion

a. There was no general discussion.

VI. Adjournment

a. Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 2:02 pm.

b. Next meeting: September 21st at 5:00 p.m.