

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

AGENDA

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

1:00 p.m., via Zoom

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Members present: Chair McGraw, Chief Wright, Dep. Chief Vargas-Silver, Chief Kulhawik, Jon Slifka, Rep. Hall, Werner Oyanedel, Undersecretary Pelka, Commissioner Rovella, Rev. Cousin, Officer Szewczyk (retired)

Others: Ken Barone, Andrew Clark, Frankie Graziano, Stacey Ober, David Cappiello, D Collins, Dawn Niles

I. Convene meeting and welcome

Chair McGraw convened the meeting at 1:04pm and asked members and staff to introduce themselves.

II. Review and acceptance of minutes from the 7/28/20 meeting

Chair McGraw asked to table to the minutes to the next meeting to allow members more time to review the minutes.

III. Public Act 20-1 updated task force charge

Chair McGraw asked Ken Barone to provide updates on the Task Force charge as a result of PA 20-1, including reporting dates. Of note was the section on government immunity, which requires the Task Force's input by the end of 2020. Chair McGraw reiterated the importance of the Task Force's work, especially in light of recent events in Wisconsin regarding Mr. Blake.

IV. Task Force website preview

Chair McGraw asked Ken Barone to provide an update on the Task Force's stand-alone website development. Mr. Barone shared his screen and walked members through the newly designed site. Upon completing the overview, the Chair asked for comments from members. Chief Kulhawik expressed support for the site. Mr. Slifka wanted to make sure the site was

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accessible from a disability standpoint. The Chair asked if there were any objections from members to launching the site and going live after the meeting. No objections were expressed. The Chair noted that members would be asked to share bios and pictures for the site, as well as any photos of police/community engagement activities. Undersecretary Pelka suggested their be an added tab for accomplishments/deliverables to show the work of the Task Force.

V. Subcommittee Updates

- a. Improving Police Interactions with Disability Community – Jon Slifka, Chair.
 - i. *Mr. Slifka noted the first meeting of the Subcommittee would be on Tuesday, September 8.*
- b. Logistics – Rep. Josh Hall, Chair.
 - i. *Rep. Hall indicated the Subcommittee was in the process of making decisions on priority items for next steps. He thanked Renee LeMark Muir and Ken Barone for their assistance in putting together a document that outlined the Task Force recommendations along with the PA 20-1 legislative charge. He noted that the Subcommittee would be focusing on the preliminary report required at the end of this year. He also stated that the upcoming listening sessions would be extremely helpful in providing clarity for the Task Force as to their current trajectory. Ken Barone noted the CT Bar Association's Task Force's assistance with elements of the PTATF's charge and that they anticipate initial recommendations to be available by the end of this September, as well as a separate set by the end of this year.*
- c. Public Awareness – Daryl McGraw, Chair.
 - i. Virtual Listening Sessions (September 3, 10, 17 and 24)
 1. *Chair McGraw asked Mr. Barone to share his screen and walk members through the process of signing up for the listening sessions. Mr. Barone also shared a flyer developed for the sessions and indicated he would share both the website address and flyer with members after the meeting. He also noted that he will be sending a form for members to fill out to indicate their anticipated attendance the upcoming sessions. Chair McGraw asked Mr. Clark to share Everyday Democracy's proposed evaluation protocol for the listening sessions. Mr. Clark mentioned that ED has offered in kind support to "memorialize" the sessions and provide a report to the Task Force for their use. Chair McGraw then indicated he would need a chair for the Sept 10 evening session. Mr. Slifka indicated he would be happy to chair that session. Mr. Clark also updated members that since the last full meeting, the Public Awareness Subcommittee had decided against in person sessions for now, although they anticipate holding them in the future.*

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VI. Announcement of time and date of next meeting

a. Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

i. *Chair McGraw confirmed the next meeting date of the full Task Force.*

VII. Adjournment

a. *Upon a motion and second, meeting was adjourned at 1:56pm.*

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