

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, January 26, 2021

11:00 a.m., via Zoom

Richard Frieder, Joyce Wong, Steven Hernandez, Andrew Clark, Tamara Lanier, Christina Irizarry, Maureen Lopes, Brandi Kennedy (CCADV), Jordyn Wilson (CJJA), Samantha Moul (UNH), Akia Callum (NAACP), Gemini (CJJA), Chief Lombardo (Trumbull), Paul Klee (UNH), Martina Ibrahim (UNH), Chief Anderson (Darien), Dep Police Chief (UNH), Nana Amos (UCONN), Brenda Sisco (Reynolds Strategy Group), Chief Salvatore (Monroe), Jack Daly, Chief Arciero (Canton PD); Chief Nick Boulter

- I.** Convene meeting and welcome
 - a. *Chair McGraw convened the meeting at 11:04am*

- II.** Approval of 12/1/20 meeting minutes
 - a. *Tabled (not enough members present)*

- III.** Presentation: November Young Adult Listening Sessions reports
 - a. *Joyce Wong – Everyday Democracy, presented on the two reports from the November listening sessions. A discussion among participants ensued following the presentation. Tamara Lanier highlighted the issue of diversity in law enforcement hiring, and the various screening guidelines required of applicants (credit scores, employment history, endurance tests) that present as obstacles to people of color becoming law enforcement officers. Maureen Lopes identified the issue raised regarding the history of law enforcement as a necessary component to community education. Steve Hernandez also mentioned the barriers to entering professional life that have historically been rooted in community demand, and therefore it is necessary to understand current community demand as we seek to address different standards for entering law enforcement today. The community must take more responsibility in being the source for the disparate outcomes we hope to change. Chair McGraw then asked Andrew Clark to lead the meeting. Mr. Clark shared his screen and highlighted two PTATF charges on the ctpolicetransparency.com site that address strategies to increase recruitment, retention and promotion of both minority and female officers. He also mentioned that the Task Force will hear*

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presentations on these charges in the upcoming meetings and that it may be the Public Awareness subcommittee that takes these on for purposes of findings and recommendations to the full Task Force.

IV. Discussion: Upcoming Youth Listening Sessions

- a. February 2, 9, 16 from 4-6pm on Zoom
 - i. *Members were made aware of the upcoming sessions, as planned by the Youth Work Group. Andrew Clark shared his screen and highlighted the links on the PTATF website that inform the public on the upcoming listening sessions. Tamara Lanier and Akia Callum provided information as to the format for the February 2 event. Doris Maldonado expressed an interest in co-hosting the February 9 event.*

V. Other business

- a. *None expressed*

VI. Schedule date and time of next meeting

- a. *The next meeting information will be sent to members. The meetings will be moved to a monthly schedule.*

VII. Adjournment

- a. *The meeting was adjourned at 12:58pm*