

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

Minutes

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

1:00 p.m., via Zoom

Attendees: Daryl McGraw (Chair), Commissioner James Rovella, Chief Jack Drumm, Brian Foley, Jon Slifka, John Szewczyk, Richard Colangelo, Marc Pelka, Brian Anderson, Andrew Clark, Ken Barone, Renee LaMark Muir, Henri Alphonse Mendoza, Callista DeGraw, Maureen Lopes, Chief Keith Mello, Michelle Montano, Shafiq Abdussabur

- I.** Convene meeting and welcome
 - a. *Chair McGraw convened the meeting at 1:03 pm*
- II.** Review and acceptance of minutes from the 6/15/21 meeting
 - a. *Minutes from 6/15/21 were approved via voice note.*
- III.** Subcommittee Updates
 - a. **Improving Police Interactions with Disability Community**
The subcommittee's next meeting is on July 27th. No updates at this time regarding current work.
 - b. **Public Awareness**
Andrew Clark updated that the subcommittee has been holding presentations on current work, their next meeting is July 27th.
 - c. **Logistics**
Ken Barone updated that they have a proposal ready for the full Task Force today, voted unanimously by the subcommittee at their last meeting. Ken Barone shared a PowerPoint on the proposal, which examined primary and secondary traffic violations. Work includes revisions to two statutes, and adding a new statute to define a secondary stop, reforming the window tint violation to a secondary offense, reforming the display of plate violation, clarification on lighting statutes, reducing the scope of the obstructed windshield statute, extending the registration violation, etc. Ken Barone introduced Shafiq Abdussabur who outlined goals of the proposal. Chair McGraw opened the floor for comments and questions from the Task Force. Jon Slifka asked if there are any other changes that would affect federal money

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coming into the state. Ken Barone responded no, they stayed away from statutes that deal directly with roadway safety. Brian Foley shared concern about this affecting impoverished communities. Chief Drumm questioned if insurance policies will use this to increase rates. Marc Pelka questioned if these violations have a citation or a fine attached. Ken Barone responded that all of these violations would continue to be infractions; it only changes law enforcement's ability to stop the vehicle. Andrew Clark commented that the public awareness subcommittee has been focusing on feedback from the recommendations from the listening sessions in order to further engage the public in this work.

The Logistics Subcommittee will next meet on July 20th at 1 pm and August 17th at 1 pm.

IV. General Discussion

Hearst Connecticut Media [report](#) on CT police disciplinary records

Andrew Clark recommended digging deeper on this topic at the next meeting, and potentially having a presentation on this article with the author at an upcoming meeting. Brian Anderson requested that someone from his union be able to be present during an upcoming conversation about the article. Chair McGraw marked this item for further discussion at an upcoming meeting.

V. Announcement of time and date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. (Virtual)

VI. Adjournment

a. Chair McGraw adjourned the meeting at 2:25 pm.