

Connecticut General Assembly
Logistics
Subcommittee
Police Transparency & Accountability Task Force

Rep. Joshua Hall, Chairperson



c/o Judiciary Committee, Room 2500
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300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Ct 06106

Minutes
Tuesday, September 21, 2021
1:00 p.m., via Zoom

Attendees: Joshua Hall (Chair), Ken Barone, Renee LaMark Muir, John Szewchek, Tanya Hughes, Steven Saloom, Cheryl Sharp, Shafiq Abdussabur

- I.** Convene meeting and welcome
 - a. *Chair Hall convened the meeting at 5:00 pm.*

- II.** Approve August 17, 2021 meeting minutes
 - a. *The minutes from 8/17/21 were approved via voice note.*

- III.** Old Business
 - a. **CBA Draft Proposal- Civilian Interview Panels**

Ken Barone updated that the recommendation did pass through the CBA. He gave an overview of the proposal; including the idea and that there should be more of a deliberate way of incorporating civilians into the hiring process, and interviewing candidates for promotion. Chair Hall opened the floor for comments on the proposal. Chair Hall commented that civilian input on candidates who would be supervising other officers is a critical piece. John Szewczyk commented on Public Act 15-4 and added that they may coincide with one another and should be marked for further discussion. John shared concerns that the proposal was not specific enough, and recommends clarification in the law promoting minority officers. Ken Barone asked if there is confliction in the recommendation about incorporating civilians into the hiring process with his goal. John replied no, a community with a high percentage of minority residents is intentional. Renee commented that the legislative language doesn't reflect the intent; the way the statute is written cannot be implemented. Chair Hall commented that the second part of the CBA proposal is whether or not civilians would be a part of the interview process. Shafiq Abdussabur asked if it's legal to have civilians a part of the oral process for civil service. Ken responded that the CBA sidestepped that question by adding where it is allowable

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and feasible, so not make it a mandate just a recommendation, and not give veto power. Chair Hall asked for any objections for moving this on to the larger Task Force. There were no objections; John made a motion, seconded by Steve Saloom, the proposal was moved on to the full Task Force with no opposition or abstention.

b. CBA Moral Recognition Subcommittee Draft Proposals

Ken Barone walked through the draft proposal for the subcommittee, noting relevancy of the five recommendations listed in the proposal. Ken pointed out that of the five recommendations the important ones would be POST hiring a DEI coordinator, and increasing training hours for DEI work from 20 to 40 hours. Chair Hall marked this proposal for future business, to unpack at a future meeting.

IV. New Business

a. No-Knock Warrant Report

Renee LaMark Muir updated that this is currently in effect. This report was passed on to the full Task Force for their endorsement with no objections from the subcommittee.

V. General Discussion

Renee updated members on two areas for further discussion in future meetings (Early intervention strategies for police and Labor issue recommendation development).

VI. Adjournment

The next meeting: October 19, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 5:56 pm.