

**School Resource Officer MOU Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 27, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

**Commission Members Present:**

Angela Davis (Co-Chair), Anne Gilligan (Co-Chair), Melissa Threadgill, James Cobb, Phillip Kassel, Dyana Boutwell, Leon Smith, Glenn Daly, Ellen Holmes, Barbara Myers, Jon Evans, Mechilia Salazar, Amanda Weber, Paul Andrews, Michael Bradley, Rachel Gwaltney (representing Tammy Mello), and Henry Thomas.

**The meeting was called to order 9:05 a.m.**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Commission Co-Chairs welcomed Commission members and confirmed those Commission members in attendance.

**2. Public Comments**

Sana Fadel provided feedback that the Arabic version of the online public input survey interprets the term SRO as officer in charge of school resources which created challenges for survey completion for native Arabic speakers.

**3. Vote to Accept September Meeting Minutes**

The motion to accept the September meeting minutes as distributed was unanimously approved by all Commission members.

**4. Public Input Subcommittee and Survey Update**

Co-Chair Anne Gilligan and subcommittee members provided the Commission with an overview of the most recent subcommittee meeting, held on October 21, 2021. Commission members Holmes, Cobb, Smith, Andrews, Mello, and the Co-Chairs were in attendance. Subcommittee members engaged in a conversation on setting the expectations and avenues for promotion of the three upcoming public input listening sessions scheduled for 11/8/21 at 7:00 pm, 11/9/21 at 5:00 pm, and 11/10 at 9:00 am via Zoom format. The subcommittee discussed having participants register for the sessions, asking only their county and role, to receive the link for the session as well as corresponding documents/information to review ahead of the sessions. It will be incumbent upon Commission members to promote these public input listening forums, attend all sessions if possible take notes, and gather input from their constituents. Commission members are asked to compile the input/feedback they gather via the forums as well as information provided to them at meetings with their colleagues and other opportunities that arise outside of the Commission events. This information can be sent to the Co-Chairs who will provide the information to the full Commission.

The public input online survey which closed October 22<sup>nd</sup> amassed information from 3,407 respondents. Commission members were provided with the 16 page summary of responses. Commission members discussed the survey summary. Several Commissioners reemphasized the critical importance of the role schools/districts play in communicating information at the local level. It is recommended that districts/schools provide ongoing information of role and responsibilities of SRO's to parent/guardians, communities/students as well as all members of their school communities.

## **5. MOU Development Subcommittee Update and Draft MOU Discussion**

The subcommittee met on October 14, 2021. Commission members Daly, Threadgill, Kassel, Bradley, Brooks, Taylor, and the Co-Chairs were in attendance. The subcommittee reviewed, discussed, and made edits/updates to the draft MOU. Commission members were sent the draft MOU prior to today's meeting. Commission members participated in a conversation focusing on clarification of language in the most recent draft. A motion to accept the draft MOU for the purpose of collecting public input, provided clarifications on language are incorporated by DESE's legal team, was unanimously approved by all Commission members.

## **6. Open Session, Topics not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 Hours of the Meeting**

Commission member Myers noted that surveys/information may need approvals from school committees before they can be distributed within a school/district setting.

**A motion was made and approved to adjourn at 11:01 a.m.**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, **November 24, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** via Zoom.