

School Resource Officer MOU Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 26, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Commission Members Present:

Angela Davis (Co-Chair), Anne Gilligan (Co-Chair), Angela Brooks, Melissa Threadgill, Michael Bradley, Matt Sonnabend, Robert Ferullo, Phillip Kassel, Jon Evans, Dyana Boutwell, Leon Smith, Tammy Mello, Amanda Weber, Ellen Holmes, Mechilia Salazar, Sean Tobin, Paul Andrews, Henry Thomas, and James Cobbs.

The meeting was called to order 9:02 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Public Comments

The Commission did not receive any public comments in advance. The Commission opened to floor to any public member who would like to speak to the group. The public did not have any comments.

3. Vote to Accept April Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept April meeting minutes as distributed was approved unanimously by Commission Membership.

4. Training as Described in the Statute

Chief Ferullo presented slides (see attached) to summarize the Municipal Police Training Committee's detailed plan for SRO certification and discussed ensuring compliance. Commission members participated in a conversation regarding potential training topics for inclusion, keeping student behaviors from being criminalized, child and adolescent development, de-escalation techniques, the prevention of hate crimes, and the application of a racial equity lens to program training.

Chief Ferullo discussed delivering, at minimum, some of the legislative required trainings via the [Massachusetts Juvenile Police Officer Association](#) annual conference scheduled for September and October 2021. Although the dates for this conference have yet to be finalized, Chief Ferullo extended an invitation to the Commission members to provide workshops as well as participate in the conference.

5. Public Input Subcommittee Update

Commission member Holmes provided the Commission with an overview of the first subcommittee meeting, held on May 13, 2021. Commission members Smith, Cobbs, Andrews, Holmes, and the Co-Chairs were in attendance. The subcommittee agreed to meet the 3rd Thursday of each month in order to provide the Commission with updates at the scheduled monthly School Resource Officer MOU Commission meeting.

The subcommittee considered the best avenues to effectively gather public input Subcommittee members agreed that having a brief description of the Commission's mission to provide to stakeholders and communities would be of value. The subcommittee requested Commission members submit 3-5 questions to include on a public survey to the Co-Chairs by June 10, 2021.

Any survey/documents produced by the subcommittee would be presented to the Commission for feedback/input and will need to be reviewed and approved by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

6. MOU Discussion

Commission members participated in a conversation regarding the format for development of the MOU and the process to be used for drafting the MOU. The Commission agreed to use their meetings to focus on a specific element/element of the MOU recognizing some areas of discussion will be lengthy and require a more in-depth conversation.

7. Open Session, Topics not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 Hours of the Meeting

The Co-chairs discussed the structure of School Resource Officer MOU Commission meetings being formatted in way that provides everyone with an opportunity to speak and allows for all topics to be covered/discussed.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, **June 23, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** via Zoom.