**School Resource Officer MOU Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, December 22, 2021**

**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

**Commission Members Present:**

Angela Davis (Co-Chair), Anne Gilligan (Co-Chair), Barbara Myers, Matthew Cregor (representing Phillip Kassel), Dyana Boutwell, Leon Smith, Glenn Daly, Ellen Holmes, Sean Tobin, Michael Bradley, Amanda Weber, Abby Taylor, and Henry Thomas.

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

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

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

1. **Public Comments**

The Commission did not receive any public comments in advance. The Commission opened the floor to the public inviting non-Commission members in attendance the opportunity to speak to the group. None of the public attendees provided comments.

1. **Vote to Accept October Meeting Minutes**

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

1. **Public Input Subcommittee Update**

Public Input Subcommittee members provided an overview of their most recent subcommittee meeting, held on December 16, 2021. Commission members Andrews, Holmes, Smith, Mello, Salazar, and the Co-Chairs were in attendance. The subcommittee discussed ways that Commission members can collectively and individually, increase awareness of the roles and responsibilities of SRO’s in schools while sharing the MOU. Commission member Holmes provided examples of how she intends to share out the final MOU with her constituents, colleagues, fellow stakeholders, and others.

Subcommittee members discussed development of a recommendations documents that could be used to assist Commission members in providing information and raise awareness on the roles and responsibilities of SRO’s. Commission members were encouraged to submit their ideas/suggestions for this document to the Co-Chairs via email by January 28, 2022.

1. **MOU Draft Subcommittee Update**

Subcommittee members provided an overview of their subcommittee meeting, held on December 7, 2021. Commission members Tobin, Threadgill, Holmes, Daly, Smith, Kassel, Taylor, Chief Ferullo, Chief Bradley, and the Co-Chairs were in attendance. Chief Kevin Kennedy, Sheila Gallagher (MPTC), and John Melander (EOPSS) were also in attendance.

The subcommittee members reconvened to discuss the language and recommendations contained in the memo submitted to the Commission by Chief Kennedy on behalf of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association and Massachusetts Juvenile Police Officers Association. The subcommittee discussed the recommendations submitted in the memo. Several subcommittee members also emailed the Co-chairs with suggested edits/language changes to the draft MOU to reflect the discussion. The Co-Chairs will work with subcommittee members to ensure that the draft MOU will be updated to incorporate the edits/suggestions of the subcommittee.

1. **MOU Draft Discussion**

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. EOPSS will follow up with their legal team on proposed language, comments, and suggested changes to the draft MOU.

Commission member Smith reminded Commissioners that the training for SRO’s provided by Chief Ferullo’s MPTC team can incorporate additional context and best practices.

The Co-Chairs proposed next steps for the SRO-MOU. The draft MOU will be reviewed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Executive Office of Education(EOE) and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security(EOPSS). That version will be sent to the Governor’s office for the final review process. Once approved, the Co-Chairs will make the SRO-MOU available to the Commission.

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

Representative Sally Kerans typed two questions into the chat box around the explanation of language used in today’s meeting and communication. Commission member Tobin and Chief Bradley addressed the questions.

**A motion was made and approved to adjourn at 10:44 a.m.**