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MEETING MINUTES TASK FORCE ON HATE CRIMES

Legislative Subcommittee

Date: August 28, 2023 Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Microsoft Teams Virtual Location: Click here to join the meeting

Meeting ID: 281 409 657 054 Passcode: Xn49Cb

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Undersecretary Gina Kwon at 11:03 a.m.

		Present	Absent
1	Undersecretary Gina Kwon*	X	
2	Robert Trestan	X	
3	Kelly Nee	X	
4	Anthony Gulluni		X
5	Tonomey Coleman	X	
6	Emily Todisco	X	
7	Bethany Li		X

^{*}Running the meeting for today only

EOPSS Staff: Anjeza Xhemollari, Lisa Caputo, Adrian Hatch, and Arielle Mullaney

2. Welcome

Undersecretary Gina Kwon welcomed and thanked all subcommittee members and attendance was taken.

The subcommittee was informed that Margery Davis stepped down from the Task Force on Hate Crimes on August 24, 2023.

The subcommittee discussed the level of commitment to the Chair's role and responsibilities. Anjeza Xhemollari explained EOPSS' role in working with the Chair to create an agenda, posting of agenda and draft meeting minutes would be done with the support of EOPSS. The selected Chair would run the meeting and participate. Voting on the Chair was added to the agenda for the next subcommittee meeting. The idea of a co-chair was discussed.

3. Goals and Objectives

All members of the Legislative Subcommittee had a deep discussion on goals and objectives.

The subcommittee recommended reviewing the PowerPoint that was presented at the full Task Force on Hate Crimes to select viable bills. Focus on one or two bills as some are much further on and something to bring back to the full meeting.

The subcommittee decided it would be beneficial to have EOPSS Legislative team present at the next subcommittee meeting on bill tracking during this current legislative session focusing on the top five. Undersecretary Kwon to reach out to EOPSS Legislative Team on behalf of the subcommittee.

The subcommittee decided after reviewing of bills to invite a sponsor or co-sponsor to present to the subcommittee. Anjeza Xhemollari confirmed by sharing the legislative language regarding subcommittees that non-members from various groups with expertise and experience with hate crimes issues can join the meeting.

A long-term goal was that this subcommittee would formulate some recommendations for the full task force to comment on pending legislation.

4. Meeting Frequency

Further discussion is needed at the next scheduled meeting on meeting frequency. It was discussed that Legislation is time sensitive. If a particular bill was on the docket, this subcommittee would like to schedule an emergency meeting. EOPSS Arielle Mullaney confirmed that this subcommittee can set up a scheduled meeting or cancel one.

The next subcommittee meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

5. Open Session for Topics not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 Hours of the Meeting No topics were presented.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.