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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**TASK FORCE ON HATE CRIMES**

**Date: December 19, 2022**

**Time: 2:00 PM-3:00 PM**

**Microsoft Teams Virtual Location: [Click here to join the meeting](#)**

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**Agenda Items:**

**1. Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Annual Report</b>
<b>1</b>	Co-Chair Terrence Reidy	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>2</b>	Co-Chair Josh Kraft	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>3</b>	Vacant				
<b>4</b>	Ana Javier	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>5</b>	Vacant				
<b>6</b>	Margaret Rwaramba		<b>X</b>		
<b>7</b>	Chief Kelly Nee		<b>X</b>		
<b>8</b>	Officer Israul Marrero	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>9</b>	Anna Johnson	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>10</b>	Timothy Moran	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>11</b>	Genevieve Nadeau	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>12</b>	Emily Todisco		<b>X</b>		
<b>13</b>	Anne Gilligan	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>14</b>	Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>15</b>	Senator Eric Lesser	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>16</b>	Bethany Li		<b>X</b>		
<b>17</b>	Tonomey Coleman	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>18</b>	Dr. Margery Davies	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>19</b>	Chief Jody Kasper	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>20</b>	Bishop Talbert Swan II*	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>

21	Sheriff Frank Cousins		X		
22	Rep. Steven Howitt	X		Abstain	Abstain
23	Gina Kwon	X		Abstain	X
24	Robert Trestan	X		Abstain	X
25	Dara Kaufman*	X			X
26	Dr. Nawal Nour		X		
27	DA Anthony Gulluni	X		X	X

\*Arrived after 2:30 PM

**EOPSS Staff:** Suleyken Walker and Jennifer Roedel

**2. Welcome**

Co-Chairs welcomed all Task Force members and attendance was taken. A quorum was present to continue with the meeting.

**3. Review and Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2022**

Co-Chair Reidy made a motion to approve the draft meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by DA Anthony Gulluni. Roll call was taken. The meeting minutes were approved.

**4. Presentation on the “Mapping Project” by the Commonwealth Fusion Center (CFC), Division of Homeland Security and Preparedness-Anti-Terrorism Unit - Joint Terrorism Task Force**

Trooper Stephen Gregorczyk and Trooper Chad Doucette presented to the Task Force on the “Mapping Project”. The request was initiated by Representative Steven Howitt.

The presenters identified **International Terrorists** as a member of designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs), state sponsors of terrorism, and Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVEs).

The presenters also identified, **Domestic Terrorists** as a US persons who commit violent criminal acts in furtherance of their political or social ideology (e.g., Anti-Government/AntiAuthority Extremists).

The FBI defines a **DOMESTIC VIOLENT EXTREMIST** (DVE) as an individual based and operating primarily within the United States or its territories without direction or inspiration from a foreign terrorist group or other foreign power who seeks to further political or social goals wholly or in part through unlawful acts of force or violence.

What is the “Mapping Project”

The Mapping Project is an interactive map that allows its users to identify businesses, individuals, agencies, and other entities that are deemed to support the colonization of Palestine by the Maps creators.

The Project’s purported purpose statement “We wanted to visualize these connections in order to see where our struggles intersect and to strategically grow our local organizing capacities.

Understanding the Criminality

Under the primary Massachusetts hate crime statute, there are three elements of hate crimes:

1. Underlying criminal offense: The offender committed an assault or battery upon the victim or damaged the victim's property.
2. Offender's intent: The offender acted with the intent to intimidate the victim.
3. Victim's protected characteristic: The offender targeted the victim because of the victim's race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or other protected characteristics.

Massachusetts Civil Rights Act that have three basic elements:

1. Underlying conduct: The perpetrator engaged in threats, intimidation, or coercion.
2. Interference with civil rights: The perpetrator interfered, or attempt to interfere, with the victim's civil rights.
3. Bias motivation: The perpetrator's conduct was motivated by bias against the victim because of the victim's membership in a protected group or activity.

Members of the Task Force had a discussion on how the "Mapping Project" started and how business owners were targeted. The Task Force agreed that the conversation needs to be held at a federal level. This is very dangerous, and it enables anyone in the world to target cities/towns in the Commonwealth.

Representative Steven Howitt offered to file any legislation needed to remove the "Mapping Project" from all platforms.

Senator Eric Lesser indicated that this is a broader issue, and that policy needs to change.

Co-Chair Reidy suggested that the Task Force could look at state and federal laws to improve the efficiency of underreporting of Hate Crimes. Also, MPTC has ongoing training in regard to Hate Crimes and Civil Rights Officers in the Commonwealth.

Izzy stated that now officers have a box to check if a hate crime has occurred. That was not an option before.

Dara asked if there were any ongoing communications with organizations that have no reporting.

## **5. 2022 Annual Report: Discussion and Vote**

All members reviewed and discussed the 2022 draft annual report section by section. All members voted and approved to have the report published.

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

N/A

## **7. Adjourn**

The meeting ended at 3:10 PM