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MEETING MINUTES
TASK FORCE ON HATE CRIMES

Date: March 20, 2023

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.

	Membership	Present	Absent	Meeting Minutes
1	Co-Chair Gina Kwon	X		X
2	Co-Chair Josh Kraft	X		X
3	Vacant			
4	Ana Javier	X		X
5	Vacant			
6	Margaret Rwaramba	X		X
7	Chief Kelly Nee	X		Abstain
8	Officer Israul "Izzy" Marrero*	X		Joined after approval
9	Anna Johnson*	X		Joined after approval
10	Timothy Moran		X	
11	Genevieve Nadeau	X		X
12	Emily Todisco	X		Abstain
13	Anne Gilligan	X		X
14	Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley		X	
15	Senator Eric Lesser		X	
16	Bethany Li	X		Abstain
17	Tonomey Coleman	X		X
18	Dr. Margery Davies	X		X

19	Chief Jody Kasper	X		X
20	Bishop Talbert Swan II		X	
21	Sheriff Frank Cousins		X	
22	Representative Steven Howitt	X		X
23	Jennifer Cotter		X	
24	Robert Trestan	X		X
25	Dara Kaufman	X		X
26	Dr. Nawal Nour		X	
27	DA Anthony Gulluni		X	

*Arrived after 2:10 pm

EOPSS Staff: Suleyken Walker and Anjeza Xhemollari

2. Welcome

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

Gina Kwon was introduced to the Task Force as the new Undersecretary for Law Enforcement. Undersecretary Gina Kwon co-chaired the meeting with co-chair Josh Kraft.

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

Representative Steven Howitt made a motion to approve the draft meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dara Kaufman. Roll call was taken. The meeting minutes were approved.

4. Discussion of the Task Force Goals and Objectives

The task force shall advise on:

- (i) issues relating to hate crimes, including the prevalence of hate crimes;
- (ii) ways to prevent hate crimes
- (iii) how to best support the victims of hate crimes.

The task force shall:

- (i) promote full and effective cooperation and coordination among law enforcement agencies and communities affected by hate crimes to improve prevention, investigation, and prosecution of hate crimes;
- (ii) develop best practices related to technical assistance for school districts that may seek to incorporate hate crime education into their curricula;
- (iii) recommend policies, procedures, and programs to ensure state and local governments provide enhanced support for victims of hate crimes and their communities;
- (iv) encourage and assist law enforcement agencies in reporting hate crimes pursuant to sections 32 to 35, inclusive, of chapter 22C, including assistance in gathering, analyzing, and publishing hate crime reports;
- (v) encourage law enforcement agencies to better enforce section 39 of chapter 265; and
- (vi) recommend any appropriate legislation, regulations, policies, or procedures to better combat hate crimes.

All members of the Task Force had a deep discussion on goals and objectives. The Task Force is eager to advise on issues related to hate crimes and looking forward to working collectively.

The Task Force inquired about pending legislative bills pertaining to Hate Crimes before they act on any recommendations or formation of any working groups.

The Task Force also inquired about a better understanding of specific sections pursuant to Hate Crimes.

Undersecretary Kwon informed the Task Force that EOPSS will provide an update to the Task Force at the next meeting.

5. Open Session for Topics not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 Hours of the Meeting
N/A

6. Adjourn

The meeting ended at 2:55 pm