

**Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community and Transparency**

**Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2020**

Meeting held via videoconference at the Attorney General's Office in Concord, NH.

Deputy Attorney General Jane Young called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. and reminded participants that the meeting was being recorded.

Members were then asked to introduce themselves and state their present location for the record.

**Deputy Attorney General Jane Young** - from the Department of Justice with Kim Schmidt, Annie Gagne, and Nicole Clay

**Robert Quinn, DOS Commissioner** - Concord, NH

**Ahni Malachi, Executive Director, NH Commission for Human Rights** – Penacook, NH

**John Scippa, Director of Police Standards and Training Council** – Concord, NH

**Rogers Johnson, Chair of the Governor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion** – Stratham, NH

**James McKim, President of NH NAACP** - Goffstown, NH

**Sawako Gardner, Justice of the NH Circuit Court** – Rye, NH

**Mark Morrison, New Hampshire Police Association** – Londonderry PD

**Charlie Dennis, NH Chief Association** – Hanover, NH

**Ken Norton, Executive Director of NAMI** – Tilton, NH

**Joseph Lascaze, NH ACLU representative** – Concord, NH

**Julian Jefferson, Criminal Defense Representative** – Manchester, NH (joined 9:42 a.m.)

**Ronelle Tshiela, public member and BLM organizer** – Durham, NH

**Eddie Edwards, public member** – Washington D.C.

The Deputy Attorney General requested the approval of the August 26th, 2020 minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Joseph Lascaze, seconded by Director Malachi. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were recorded as follows:

Deputy Attorney General Jane Young – Y

Commissioner Robert Quinn – Y

Director Ahni Malachi – Y

Director John Scippa – Y

Chairman Rogers Johnson – Y

President James McKim – Y

Justice Sawako Gardner – abstain

Lt. Mark Morrison – Y

Chief Charlie Dennis – Y

Director Ken Norton – Y  
Mr. Joseph Lascaze – Y  
Attorney Julian Jefferson – Y  
Mr. Eddie Edwards – Y  
Ms. Ronelle Tshiela – Y

Minutes are approved.

The Commission members continued their discussion on recommendations that would fall in an “other” category. Please refer to the official video and transcript for detailed conversation.

*Refer to finalized Other Section, Recommendation 1 (mental health in SWAT)*

A motion to adopt Recommendation 1 was made by Attorney Jefferson, and seconded by Rogers Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were recorded as follows:

Deputy Attorney General Jane Young – Y  
Commissioner Robert Quinn – Y  
Director Ahni Malachi – Y  
Director John Scippa – Y  
Chairman Rogers Johnson – Y  
President James McKim – N  
Justice Sawako Gardner – Y  
Lt. Mark Morrison – Y  
Chief Charlie Dennis – Y  
Director Ken Norton – Y  
Mr. Joseph Lascaze – Y  
Attorney Julian Jefferson – Y  
Mr. Eddie Edwards – Y  
Ms. Ronelle Tshiela – Y

Recommendation 1 has been adopted.

*Refer to finalized Other Section, Recommendation 2 (SUD services)*

A motion to adopt Recommendation was made by Joseph Lascaze, and seconded by Ken Norton. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were recorded as follows:

Deputy Attorney General Jane Young – Y  
Commissioner Robert Quinn – Y  
Director Ahni Malachi – Y  
Director John Scippa – Y  
Chairman Rogers Johnson – Y

President James McKim – Y  
Justice Sawako Gardner – Y  
Lt. Mark Morrison – Y  
Chief Charlie Dennis – Y  
Director Ken Norton – Y  
Mr. Joseph Lascaze – Y  
Attorney Julian Jefferson – Y  
Mr. Eddie Edwards – Y  
Ms. Ronelle Tshiela – Y

Recommendation 2 has been adopted.

*Refer to finalized Other Section, Recommendation 3 (endorse PSTC audit)*

A motion to adopt Recommendation 3 was made by Ken Norton, and seconded by Commissioner Quinn. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were recorded as follows:

Deputy Attorney General Jane Young – Y  
Commissioner Robert Quinn – Y  
Director Ahni Malachi – Y  
Director John Scippa – Y  
Chairman Rogers Johnson – Y  
President James McKim – Y  
Justice Sawako Gardner – Y  
Lt. Mark Morrison – Y  
Chief Charlie Dennis – Y  
Director Ken Norton – Y  
Mr. Joseph Lascaze – abstain  
Attorney Julian Jefferson – Y  
Mr. Eddie Edwards – Y  
Ms. Ronelle Tshiela – abstain

Recommendation 3 has been adopted.

*Refer to finalized Other Section, Recommendation 4 (certify Sheriffs)*

A motion to strike Recommendation 4 was made by Lt. Morrison, and seconded by Attorney Jefferson. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were recorded as follows:

Deputy Attorney General Jane Young – Y  
Commissioner Robert Quinn – Y  
Director Ahni Malachi – Y  
Director John Scippa – Y

Chairman Rogers Johnson – Y  
President James McKim – N  
Justice Sawako Gardner – Y  
Lt. Mark Morrison – Y  
Chief Charlie Dennis – absent  
Director Ken Norton – N  
Mr. Joseph Lascaze – Y  
Attorney Julian Jefferson – Y  
Mr. Eddie Edwards – Y  
Ms. Ronelle Tshiela – Y

Recommendation 4 has been stricken.

*Refer to finalized Other Section, Recommendation 6 (law enforcement promotions)*

A motion to adopt Recommendation 6 was made by President McKim, and seconded by Joseph Lascaze. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were recorded as follows:

Deputy Attorney General Jane Young – N  
Commissioner Robert Quinn – N  
Director Ahni Malachi – N  
Director John Scippa – N  
Chairman Rogers Johnson – N  
President James McKim – Y  
Justice Sawako Gardner – N  
Lt. Mark Morrison – N  
Chief Charlie Dennis – absent  
Director Ken Norton – N  
Mr. Joseph Lascaze – Y  
Attorney Julian Jefferson – N  
Mr. Eddie Edwards – N  
Ms. Ronelle Tshiela – N

Recommendation 6 was voted down and will not move forward.

*Refer to finalized Other Section, Recommendation 4 (mental health training for law enforcement)*

A motion to adopt Recommendation 4 was made by Ken Norton, and seconded by Deputy Attorney General Young. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were recorded as follows:

Deputy Attorney General Jane Young – Y  
Commissioner Robert Quinn – Y

Director Ahni Malachi – Y  
Director John Scippa – Y  
Chairman Rogers Johnson – Y  
President James McKim – Y  
Justice Sawako Gardner – Y  
Lt. Mark Morrison – Y  
Chief Charlie Dennis – absent  
Director Ken Norton – Y  
Mr. Joseph Lascaze – Y  
Attorney Julian Jefferson – Y  
Mr. Eddie Edwards – Y  
Ms. Ronelle Tshiela – Y

Recommendation 4 was adopted.

*Refer to finalized Other Section, Recommendation 16 (psychological screenings)*

A motion to adopt Recommendation 16 was made by Director Scippa, and seconded by Ken Norton. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were recorded as follows:

Deputy Attorney General Jane Young – Y  
Commissioner Robert Quinn – Y  
Director Ahni Malachi – Y  
Director John Scippa – Y  
Chairman Rogers Johnson – Y  
President James McKim – Y  
Justice Sawako Gardner – Y  
Lt. Mark Morrison – Y  
Chief Charlie Dennis – absent  
Director Ken Norton – Y  
Mr. Joseph Lascaze – Y  
Attorney Julian Jefferson – Y  
Mr. Eddie Edwards – Y  
Ms. Ronelle Tshiela – Y

Recommendation 16 was adopted.

*Refer to finalized Other Section, Recommendation 13, Subsection 1 and 2 (UNH collaborating with PSTC)*

A motion to adopt Recommendation 13 was made by President McKim, and seconded by Ken Norton. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were recorded as follows:

Deputy Attorney General Jane Young – Y  
Commissioner Robert Quinn – Y  
Director Ahni Malachi – Y  
Director John Scippa – Y  
Chairman Rogers Johnson – Y  
President James McKim – Y  
Justice Sawako Gardner – Y  
Lt. Mark Morrison – Y  
Chief Charlie Dennis – absent  
Director Ken Norton – Y  
Mr. Joseph Lascaze – Y  
Attorney Julian Jefferson – Y  
Mr. Eddie Edwards – Y  
Ms. Ronelle Tshiela – Y

Recommendation 13 was adopted.

*Refer to finalized Other Section, Recommendation 17, Subsections A through C (form a study commission to address issues of OIS)*

A motion to vote on Recommendation 17 was made by Director Scippa, and seconded by Attorney Jefferson. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were recorded as follows:

Deputy Attorney General Jane Young – N  
Commissioner Robert Quinn – N  
Director Ahni Malachi – N  
Director John Scippa – N  
Chairman Rogers Johnson – N  
President James McKim – Y  
Justice Sawako Gardner – N  
Lt. Mark Morrison – N  
Chief Charlie Dennis – absent  
Director Ken Norton – Y  
Mr. Joseph Lascaze – Y  
Attorney Julian Jefferson – Y  
Mr. Eddie Edwards – absent  
Ms. Ronelle Tshiela – Y

Recommendation 17 was voted down and will not move forward.

The Deputy Attorney General noted that the Commission would hear public testimony tomorrow, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 on any other recommendations but would be limited to only the

other section. Please send any written materials to [LEACT@doj.nh.gov](mailto:LEACT@doj.nh.gov) and contact Kim Schmidt if you would like to be heard.

The Deputy Attorney General requested a motion to adjourn. So moved by Mr. Joseph Lascaze and seconded by Lt. Morrison. A roll call vote was taken on the motion to adjourn and the votes were recorded as follows:

Deputy Attorney General Jane Young – Y  
Commissioner Robert Quinn – Y  
Director Ahni Malachi – Y  
Director John Scippa – Y  
Chairman Rogers Johnson – Y  
President James McKim – Y  
Justice Sawako Gardner – Y  
Lt. Mark Morrison – Y  
Chief Charlie Dennis – absent  
Director Ken Norton – Y  
Mr. Joseph Lascaze – Y  
Attorney Julian Jefferson – Y  
Mr. Eddie Edwards – absent  
Ms. Ronelle Tshiela – Y

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.