

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 adopt-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 28th, 2020 on any other recommendations but would be limited to only the

other section. Please send any written materials to 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.