

September 28, 2021

Meeting Open: 5:41 p.m.

Attendees: Sarah Burke Cohen, Chris Connelly, Sean Connor, Jeremy Denlea, Charlie Dennis, Meghan Eckner (participating remotely due to illness), Adrienne Evans, Ann Landry (participating remotely due to child care needs), Karyl Martin, Robert Quinn, Marianne Rechy, Sean Locke, Ahni Malachi

Quorum: YES

Approval of Minutes May Meeting: 7 Yeas; 6 Abstentions (Passes)

Approval of Minutes June Meeting: 7 Yeas; 6 Abstentions (Passes)

Introductions:

- Ahni Malachi, Executive Director of the Commission for Human Rights, Chair as appointed by the Governor
- Sean Locke, Director of the Attorney General's Civil Rights Unit, Secretary for the Council and representative for the Attorney General
- Sarah Burke Cohen, representative of the Chair of the Commission for Human Rights
- Chris Connelly, representative for the Sheriff's Association
- Sean Connor, appointed by the Governor
- Jeremy Denlea, representative for the Department of Labor
- Charlie Dennis, representative for the Chief's Association
- Meghan Eckner, representative for the Community College System of New Hampshire
- Adrienne Evans, appointed by the Governor
- Ann Landry, representative for the Department of Health and Human Services
- Karyl Martin, representative for the University System of New Hampshire
- Robert Quinn, representative for the Department of Safety
- Marianne Rechy, representative for the Department of Administrative Services

Council's Mandate:

- Discussion about the Executive Order and the charges it creates for the Council on issues to examine and make recommendations about.
- The Executive Order gives the Council a broad scope of work that provides for flexibility in responding to new issues that arise while also examining larger issues or setting longer-term goals
- Discussion about other councils and committees whose work focuses on equity and equality and may connect in ways with the work of the Council
 - Working with those other committees to help them achieve their goals, whether it is by sharing resources, supporting their efforts, or carrying on their work

Subcommittees:

- Discussion of subcommittees that have existed in the past, that could exist going forward including ones focused on: legislation, the executive branch, and outreach to the public as well as other groups, and the role of subcommittee in advancing the Council's work.
- Discussion of whether subcommittees can include individuals outside the Council, it is possible but it would be on a case-by-case basis.

Future Meetings:

- Discussion of setting a standing date and time for future meetings
- Sean will send around a survey to identify a date and time
- Possibility of including times during traditional business hours as well

Agenda Items to be discuss at next meeting:

- Review of the Council's Mission Statement
- Review of the Council's past work
- Past reports and tracking documents will be shared to help facilitate that discussion

New Business:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.; Department of Safety

Adjourn: 7:12 p.m.