



Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training

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Ensuring Police Excellence and Improving Community Relations Advisory Council

October 19, 2023

2:00 p.m.

This was a hybrid meeting held at the Spruce Tree Building, 1st Floor Conference Room 20, 1600 University Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104

Members Present:

Chair Eric Won
Carl Crawford
Cathy Spann
Erik Misselt
Julio Zelaya
Kaohly Her
Nikki Engel
Paul Novotny
Sue Abderholden
Terry Stier

Members Absent:

Andrew Matthews
Anne Haines Holy Eagle
Biiftuu Adam
Dave Titus
Sean Deringer

Staff Present:

Shari Mitchell

Call to Order: Chair Won called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Approval of the September 18, 2023 Minutes: Chair Won asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes and asked if there are any edits needed.

- **Motion:** Mr. Crawford made a motion to approve the September 18, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Zelaya seconded the motion. The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

Regional Listening Sessions Status (Discussion): Chair Won asked for the Council to provide individual introductions with description of the communities they represent or the interests they represent. He also spoke about the goal of the listening sessions is to go out into the communities build bridges between the public and police. Define best practices.

Carl Crawford, Human Rights Officer in Duluth, MN – Spoke about the first listening session will be held in the Duluth City Hall, Room 330 and the following groups were invited.

- Representatives from the Duluth PD and Gordon Ramsey from Duluth Sheriff's Dept.
- The Human Rights Commission, Citizen Review Board, Commission on Disabilities.
- Representatives from the NAACP and from their representatives from the emergency task group.
- The mayor will also try to attend.

The meeting will go from 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. The Council will have lunch at the Duluth Grille and then will visit the Clayton-Jackson-McGhie Memorial.

Sue Abderholden will invite the Mobile Crisis team in Duluth and the Human Development Center in Duluth.

Nikki Engel invited the Domestic and Sexual Violence programs located in Duluth.

Cathy Spann advised that she is currently trying to clear her calendar to attend the listening session.

Julio Zelaya advised that he is not available to attend.

Representative Kaohly Her will be inviting Hmong students from the University of Minnesota.

Terri Stier has invited law enforcement.

Ms. Engel volunteered to take notes from the meeting.

Mr. Misselt volunteered to be the facilitator of the meeting.

Chair Won concluded the meeting with noting that the goal is to hear what the best practices are. He asked the Council to think of key words for renaming this Advisory Council.

Adjournment: Chair Won asked for a motion to adjourn at 2:22 p.m.

- **Motion:** Ms. Her made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Abderholden seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.