

**M I N U T E S**

**MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

McEaddy Conference Room & Virtual Participation  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue  
West Palm Beach, FL

***Members Present:***

Frank Adderley - *virtual*  
Dave Aronberg - *virtual*  
Barbara Cheives - *virtual*  
Carey Haughwout - *virtual*  
Joseph Ianno, Jr.  
Randolph Johnson, Sr  
Kevin Jones - *virtual*  
Nellie King - *virtual*  
Christina Morrison

***Members Absent:***

Rachel Docekal  
Dave Kerner  
Krista Marx  
Gerald Richman (Ex-Officio)  
Dr. Donald Fennoy (Ex-Officio)

***Guests Attending:***

Dave Bernhardt, District 3 BOCC - *virtual*  
Jean Williams, County Attorney's Office

***Staff Present:***

Regenia Herring, Executive Director  
Brad Allen, Criminal Justice Analyst  
Damir Kukec, Manager, Research & Planning  
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant  
John Port, Financial Analyst - *virtual*  
Jacqueline Jackson, FUSE Program Coordinator - *virtual*  
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst - *virtual*  
Jon Van Arnam, PBC Deputy County Administrator - *virtual*

- I. Chairman Joseph Ianno, Jr. called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present
- III. Ms. Christina Morrison motioned to approve the Agenda for the July 27, 2020 meeting, second by Mr. Randy Johnson, Sr. and unanimously approved by the Committee.
- IV. Ms. Christina Morrison motioned to approve the Minutes from the July 7, 2020 Executive Committee meeting, second by Mr. Randy Johnson, Sr. and unanimously approved by the Committee.

## **VI. Chairman's Comments**

- A. Chair Joseph Ianno, Jr. deferred to Executive Director Herring for comments.

## **VII. Executive Director Comments:**

- A. Director Herring deferred her comments until later.

## **VIII. Old Business:**

- A. Chairman Ianno requested Ms. Barbara Cheives give an update on the virtual Town Hall meeting on Policing in Palm Beach County, scheduled for Wednesday, July 29 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the event is to share the results of a survey designed and forwarded to county law enforcement agencies by CJC Staff. Eighteen panelists will engage in discussions related to the results of that survey which is based on questions the Black Elected Officials (BEO) group had presented to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in May, after the killing of Mr. George Floyd. Selected panelists will include police chiefs, legislative representatives, community activists and others. Mr. Clarence Anthony will host and Ms. Cheives will act as moderator. The event has been posted on social and printed media, the County website and other sources. Questions from the public can be called in during the meeting or submitted prior to the event via email.
- B. Chairman Ianno requested Director Herring give a summary of the results from the CJC Police Policy Questionnaire, which received a 100% response from the county, municipal and school district law enforcement agencies, on the following topics:
  - 1. Chokeholds, strangleholds, neck restraints
  - 2. Police Officers intervention during an incident
  - 3. Utilization of Body Cams
  - 4. Tracking of public access to complaints filed by Police Officers
  - 5. Support of a Civilian Review Board with subpoena powers
  - 6. Support the creation of a county-wide database of police misconduct
  - 7. Actively engaging in Community Policing
  - 8. Handling investigations that involve a civilian's death by police
  - 9.. Require Officers to participate in Racial Systemic Training

Director Herring discussed the quantitative results with the Committee, and briefly outlined the next steps to conduct more county forums, and allow the CJC to

conduct discussion and work groups to establish recommendations on these issues.

There was some discussion by the members centered on the legality and issues of establishing a Civilian Review Board.

- C. Ms. Barbara Cheives gave a review of the CJC's efforts in 2019 to facilitate Racial and Implicit Bias Training to as many organizations and agencies as possible. Chairman Ianno responded the full membership of the CJC should be strongly encouraged to attend these trainings. There was acknowledgement of the need to facilitate and continue trainings with law enforcement to increase their awareness of the communities they serve. Discussion involved bringing about the different types of racial equity trainings, scheduling issues and wider audience, possibly offering some through the Citizen's Criminal Justice Commission venue.

#### **IX. New Business:**

- A. Director Herring requested the Executive Committee create a Task Force to address the issues resulting from these forums with the focus of moving from conversations to actions, engaging the community and law enforcement agencies in finding solutions. A Motion to approve the creation of a Task Force to make recommendations to the BOCC on law enforcement/policing issues was made by Mr. Randy Johnson, with an amendment by Ms. Christina Morrison to improve the policies of law enforcement agencies, using best practices to recommend solutions and possibly create a model system for other parts of the nation. Motion passed unanimously after a second by Ms. Christina Morrison.

#### **XII. Adjourn:**

After no further comments, Chair Ianno adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.