

NORTHAMPTON POLICING REVIEW COMMISSION

Subcommittee Organizational Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Remote Meeting

Join the Remote Meeting:

Video conference:

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- 1. Meeting start and call to order - Dan Cannity called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.**
 - a. Roll call**
 - b. Announcement of recording made by Dan Cannity**

The clerk, Annie Lesko, called the roll:

Lois Ahrens	present
Elizabeth Barajas-Roman	present
Booker Bush	present
Daniel Cannity (co-chair)	present
Nick Fleisher	present
David Hoose	present
Alex Jarrett	present
Carmen Lopez	present
Javier Luengo-Garrido	present
Dana Olivo (co-chair)	present
Nnamdi Pole	present
Michael Quinlan	joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.
Josey Rosales	present
Cynthia Suopis	present
Larissa Rivera-Gonzalez	absent

Dan Cannity pointed out that this meeting will be entirely dedicated to the formation of subcommittees.

There was a brief discussion about the length of meetings, schedules for subcommittee meetings, open meeting law and the process for holding subcommittee meetings.

2. Introduction of special meeting format for subcommittee organizational meetings

a. Hour 1: Policing Policy Review Commission Meeting

- i. Roll call - policy in place by northampton pd, and activities, and policies on activities that are held elsewhere than in the city**
- ii. Accept charge**
- iii. Elect Chair/Vice Chair**
- iv. Decide meeting schedule**

The members of the Policing Policies & Services subcommittee are Nick Fleisher, David Hoose, Elizabeth Barajas-Roman, Nnamdi Pole and Cynthia Suopis.

David Hoose volunteered to be co-chair as long as another member would serve as co-chair.

There was a discussion about Robert's Rules of Order and some members not knowing the procedures. The general consensus would be to stray away from the formal meeting procedures to make it a more informal discussion.

After a discussion about being co-chairs, most individuals felt they didn't have enough time to take on this role.

Nnamdi Pole suggested having a chairperson on a rotating basis.

David Hoose moved for the Policing Policies & Services subcommittee to have a rotating chair person. Nick Fleisher seconded.

After a discussion about meeting times, the next meeting date will be Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 7:00 p.m. for one hour.

Nick Fleisher moved to hold an organizational meeting for the Policing Policies and Services Subcommittee on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., with a discussion about the length of meetings on the agenda, and the chair will be on a rotating alphabetical schedule by last names. Nnamdi Pole seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0 by roll call vote.

b. Hour 2: Spending and Contracts

- i. Roll call**
- ii. Accept charge**
- iii. Elect Chair/Vice Chair**
- iv. Decide meeting schedule**

The members of the Spending and Contracts subcommittee are Lois Ahrens, Carmen Lopez, Dan Cannity, Michael Quinlan and Josey Rosales.

Dan Cannity took himself out of the running to be the chair because he is already a co-chair for the full commission.

Councilor Quinlan pointed out that as a City Councilor he was not able to chair the full commission but doesn't know whether or not that applies to subcommittees. Councilor Quinlan is happy to be part of the rotation if everyone is comfortable with having a City Councilor in the rotation for chairperson.

The subcommittee likes the idea of having a rotating chairperson. Lois Ahrens suggested starting the rotation alphabetically by first name.

Dan Cannity moved to hold an organizational meeting of the spending and contracts subcommittee on Tuesday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. with meeting dates on alternating Tuesday's, with a rotating chairperson starting alphabetically by first names and Dan Cannity being excluded from the rotation. Councilor Quinlan seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0 by a roll call vote.

- c. Hour 3: Alternatives to Policing**
 - i. Roll call**
 - ii. Accept charge**
 - iii. Elect Chair/Vice Chair**
 - iv. Decide meeting schedule**

The members of the Alternatives to Policing subcommittee are Booker Bush, Alex Jarrett, Javier Luengo-Garrido, Dana Olivo and Larissa Rivera-Gonzalez.

Booker Bush asked that the commission suspend Robert's Rules of Order for the current discussion.

Dana Olivo removed herself from the rotating schedule of chairpersons because of her capacity as co-chair of the full commission.

There was a discussion about meeting dates and times and determining the length of meetings.

Councilor Jarrett proposed a half an hour of public comment at the beginning of the next subcommittee meeting.

Booker Bush and Javier Luengo-Garrido volunteered to be co-chairs.

Councilor Jarrett moved to hold an organizational meeting of the Alternatives to Policing subcommittee on Wednesday, October 28, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. with a half an hour of public comment and Booker Bush and Javier Lunego-Garrido as co-chairs. Booker Bush seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0 by a roll call vote.

3. New Business

Lois Ahrens hopes a discussion about holding public hearings can be placed on the next agenda and maybe the translation services will be available in time for the public hearings. Lois also hoped there will always be a public comment period during the full commission meetings.

Booker Bush noted he is presenting to the Human Rights Commission soon about accessibility and would like this topic to be on the next agenda. Booker also suggested including a report from each subcommittee on the next agenda.

Dan Cannity moved to hold the next full commission meeting on Tuesday, November 10, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. with an hour of public comment. Councilor Jarrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously 14-0 by a roll call vote.

4. Adjourn

Booker Bush moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Councilor Jarrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously 14-0.