

# Northampton Policing Review Commission

## General Commission Meeting

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 23, 2021  
6:30PM  
Remote Meeting

#### **Join the Remote Meeting:**

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**Meeting ID:** 986 8062 2730 **Passcode:** 208974

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1. Call to Order
  - o Announcement of Zoom Recording
  - o Roll Call
  - o Approval of Remaining Meeting Minutes
2. Public comment (15 minutes)
3. Discussion topic: Presentation discussion for the City Council and Mayor
4. Adjourn

#### **1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Dan Cannity at 6:36 PM.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ZOOM RECORDING**

Commissioner Dan Cannity made an announcement that this meeting was being recorded for the public record and would be available on Northampton Open Media, as well as, the City of Northampton website.

Commissioner Booker Bush present  
Commissioner Dan Cannity (co-chair) present  
Commissioner Nick Fleisher present  
**Commissioner David Hoose not present**  
Commissioner Alex Jarrett present  
Commissioner Javier Luengo-Garrido present

### **Commissioner Nnamdi Pole Not present**

Commissioner Michael Quinlan present  
Commissioner Josey Rosales present  
Commissioner Cynthia Suopis present  
Commissioner Carol Owen present  
Commissioner Elizabeth Barajas-Roman present

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Commissioner Booker Bush moved to approve the minutes from March 16, 2021.  
Commissioner Dan Cannity seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The commissioners agreed to meet on March 29th at 5:30pm to approve the last of the minutes.

### **2. Public comment (15 minutes)**

Robert Eastman  
Ashwin Ravikumar

### **3. Discussion topic: Presentation discussion for the City Council and Mayor**

Commissioner Dan Cannity invited commissioners to volunteer to speak during the presentation if they are interested.

Commissioner Javier Luengo-Garrido said he feels grateful to the cochairs and said he feels the commissioner arrived at a place of mutual trust. He said he feels fine just attending.

Commissioner Carol Owen said it might be most coherent if the cochairs do the presentation. She suggested that one of the commissioners should speak to the opposing argument to doing this review, as well as the fears individuals have, and to make an argument about why they shouldn't be fearful.

Commissioner Nick Fleisher said the cochairs have been skillful about representing divergent views on the commission and said he feels comfortable with them giving the formal presentation. He said hopefully all commissioners will be available and can offer clarification as needed.

Commissioner Dan Cannity noted the presentation will be Tuesday, March 30th at 6pm.

Commissioner Cynthia Suopis said if there are any questions about specific statements that were said by individual commissioners, the cochairs will defer to individual commissioners.

Commissioner Michael Quinlan thanked the cochairs for their work holding all of the view points from all of the commissioners. He thanked the commissioners for their work.

Commissioner Booker Bush thanked the cochairs and the commissioners. He said he wished Commissioner Elizabeth Barajas-Roman spoke more because everything she said was spot on and he missed the female voices that the commission lost in the process.

Commissioner Elizabeth Barajas-Roman said the process was transformative in many ways. She said the commissioners are all here for a reason and to be able to come up with something that was good for everyone was hard and she respected everyone's time, energy, and heart they put into everything.

Commissioner Alex Jarrett thanked all of the commissioners and agreed it has been a transformative process.

Commissioner Carol Owen said this work has been rewarding because there has been relational development between commissioners and activists and who advocate on that level. She said it's been so helpful to receive the wisdom from the activists. She said you can't be in a relationship without being changed. She said she thinks everyone has been changed which means there has been authentic listening.

Commissioner Javier Luengo-Garrido noted white commissioners being open to listen during the process which was of high value and made a big difference, as well as noted the courage to understand that people of color's realities are different. He said he felt less alone with Dan, Josey, Booker, and Elizabeth because there is a different experience.

## **7. Adjourn**

**Commissioner Michael Quinlan moved to adjourn. Commissioner Alex Jarrett seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously at 7:00pm.**