

City of Portland
Police Citizen Review Subcommittee

AGENDA
March 10, 2021
6:00 PM

1. ZOOM Information

- a. On Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., the Police Citizen Review Subcommittee will conduct a virtual meeting via Zoom, as allowed by 1 M.R.S. Sec. 403-A.

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2. Call to Order

3. Approval of February 10, 2021 minutes.

- a. Please see the minutes, attached.

4. Public Comment Session

5. Continued discussion of PCRS recommendations for potential changes to PCRS structure.
6. Adjourn

POLICE CITIZEN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

February 10, 2021

Meeting Held Remotely Via Zoom

Members present: Emily West, Chair; Reggie Parson, Vice Chair; Maria Testa; Luke Beland; Kaylin Kerina; Rev. Lewis

Staff present: Anne Torregrossa

6:00 Call to order via Zoom.

Motion to accept minutes of January 13, 2021. Seconded. Roll call vote 6-0.

Chair West opened the floor to public comment. There was no public comment given.

The PCRS discussed the recommendations for the new PCRS structure. Rev. Lewis questioned what the next steps were for the document. Chair West stated that the Subcommittee should talk about how to engage the public on this topic, and also questioned how the PCRS work would impact the Racial Equity Steering Committee work. Ms. Testa suggested that a joint meeting between the two groups might be appropriate. Chair West questioned Ms. Torregrossa on the best way to organize that and Ms. Torregrossa recommended that Chair West reach out to the chairs of the RESC. Rev. Lewis suggested that the RESC certainly had access to the PCRS work to date by matter of that being public record.

Ms. West then asked how the PCRS might best engage the public. Ms. Kerina shared that she had checked with Jessica Grondin, the City's Communications Director, and that there were tools available to the PCRS to put out requests for information. Ms. Kerina also suggested that there be direct engagement with professors and teachers. She further suggested a workshop with breakout rooms. Vice Chair Parson agreed with the idea of a comment form, as did Chair West, although Chair West did not think that should be the exclusive avenue.

Ms. Kerina made it clear that she wanted the PCRS to do a final review of their recommendations only after public input. Chair West also questioned whether the PCRS should compile a list of those that would be directly targeted for feedback.

Vice Chair Parson suggested that they create a form to solicit input by the March meeting. Rev. Lewis asked how to best get more formal input and suggested that a better response would be to encourage written input. Ms. Kerina thinks that the survey should have open-ended questions, and Ms. West suggested that the form be entirely open ended. Ms. Kerina suggested that they break out responses by the separate proposed recommendations.

The PCRS then specifically discussed ways to convert the draft recommendations into a Google Form to solicit feedback. The consensus was to use a Google Form to push out to the public, and request that responses be submitted no later than one week before the next meeting.

The PCRS then discussed who to reach out to for specific feedback, including the homeless community, youth, etc.

Chair West suggested tracking where responses come from. The PCRS discussed various demographic information they would like to request from responders, agreed that providing that information should be confidential, and agreed that the form should have a notice informing responders that their responses are a public record.

The PCRS then discussed the issue of translation. Rev. Lewis stated that it was of utmost importance to him that the survey be translated to make it accessible. The PCRS agreed that Ms. Kerina would attempt to simplify and shorten the survey, and that Ms. Torregrossa would get a quote on what it would cost to translate the survey into the appropriate languages for Portland.

7:20 Motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Sec. 405(6)(F) to discuss records that are made confidential by statute relating to IA2020-002 and IA2020-005. Second. Roll call vote 6-0.

[Ms. Testa left the meeting.]

8:03 The PCRS returned from executive session.

Motion to find that IA2020-002 was thorough. Second. Roll call vote 5-0.
Motion to find that IA2020-002 was fair. Second. Roll call vote 5-0.
Motion to find that IA2020-002 was timely. Second. Roll call vote 5-0.
Motion to find that IA2020-002 was objective. Second. Roll call vote 5-0.

Motion to find that IA2020-005 was thorough. Second. Roll call vote 5-0.
Motion to find that IA2020-005 was fair. Second. Roll call vote 5-0.
Motion to find that IA2020-005 was timely. Second. Roll call vote 5-0.
Motion to find that IA2020-005 was objective. Second. Roll call vote 5-0.

8:09 Motion to adjourn. Second. Roll call vote 5-0.