

Nancy Goss Sheahan, Chair  
Glenn Boyde, Vice Chair

Shirley Jefferson  
Patti Pallito  
Mary Alice McKenzie  
Allison Crowley DeMag  
John Filipek



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State Police Advisory Commission  
Department of Public Safety  
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## MINUTES October 28, 2020

The State Police Advisory Commission meeting was held via the Microsoft Teams application during the COVID-19 pandemic and was opened at approximately 1:35pm by Nancy Goss Sheahan, Chair. The following members were in attendance:

### Commission Members:

Present: Nancy Goss Sheahan, Chair; Glenn Boyde, Vice Chair; Shirley Jefferson, Patti Pallito, Mary Alice McKenzie, John Filipek

Others Attending: Commissioner Michael E. Schirling; Colonel Matthew T. Birmingham, Director, Vermont State Police, Lieutenant Robert McKenna, Director of Internal Affairs

Chair entertains a motion to accept the May 20, 2020 minutes. So moved by Shirley Jefferson and seconded by Mary Alice McKenzie. All in favor, none opposed.

Floor was opened for public comment. No one from the public was present.

Chair entertains a motion to go into executive session to discuss records of the office of internal investigations, including new and miscellaneous IA cases of the Department of Public Safety. So moved by Glenn Boyde and seconded by John Filipek.

**Closed session: 1:42pm**  
**Open session: 2:36pm**

Chair questioned if there had been any further movement in the hiring of a new Vermont Police Academy Director, which had been discussed during the previous SPAC meeting. The Commissioner discussed the progress thus far, as well as a forthcoming change from the current Vermont Criminal Justice Council to a new Criminal Justice Council system. In addition, the Commissioner discussed some of the challenges associated with legislatively mandated changes to law enforcement policies, including but not limited to police use of force.

The next State Police Advisory Commission meeting was set for Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 2:30pm.

With no further business, a motion was entertained by Nancy Goss Sheahan for the meeting to be adjourned. So moved by Shirley Jefferson and seconded by Patti Pallito. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Carr

Executive Assistant