

Nancy Goss Sheahan, Chair  
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Shirley Jefferson  
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 January 13, 2021

The State Police Advisory Commission meeting was held via the Microsoft Teams application during the COVID-19 pandemic and was opened at approximately 1:05pm 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 January 11, 2021 minutes. So moved by Shirley Jefferson and seconded by Shirley Jefferson. All in favor, none opposed.

Floor was opened for public comment. Mr. Ralph Wright Jr. was present and made a complaint about Deputy Sheriff Wayne Godfrey and Sheriff Chad Schmidt of the Bennington County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Wright alleged harassment by these two officers and requested that Colonel Birmingham do something about it. Mr. Wright's allegations were not specific and he hung up abruptly without actively engaging in any dialogue about them. Colonel Birmingham asked that Lt. Robert McKenna speak with Major Daniel Trudeau to determine what action could be taken by the Vermont State Police on behalf of Mr. Wright.

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 Shirley Jefferson and seconded by John Filipek.

**Closed session: 1:11pm**  
**Open session: 1:28pm**

Chair entertains a motion for the State Police Advisory Commission to release a statement to the media regarding Sergeant Lucas Hall. So moved by Patti Pallito and seconded by Shirley Jefferson. All in favor, none opposed.

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 Mary Alice McKenzie. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Carr  
Executive Assistant