

Nancy Goss Sheahan, Chair
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State of Vermont
State Police Advisory Commission
Department of Public Safety
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The State Police Advisory Commission meeting was held via the Microsoft Teams application during the COVID-19 pandemic and was opened at approximately 1:33pm by Nancy Goss Sheahan, Chair. The following members were in attendance:

Commission Members:

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

Others Attending: Commissioner Michael Schirling, Colonel Matthew T. Birmingham, Director, Vermont State Police, Lieutenant Robert McKenna, Director of Internal Affairs, Dr. Etan Nas-Reddin Longo, Captain Barbara Kessler

Chair entertains a motion to accept the January 26, 2022 minutes. So moved by Glenn Boyde and seconded by John Filipek. All in favor, none opposed, Shirley Jefferson abstained.

Chair entertains a motion to accept the March 30, 2022 minutes. So moved by Glenn Boyde and seconded by John Filipek. All in favor, none opposed.

Floor was opened for public comment. Dr. Nas-Reddin Longo and Captain Kessler, the Co-Directors of the Vermont State Police Fair and Impartial Policing Unit were in attendance and presented data regarding race data collected by the Vermont State Police in 2021 with respect to traffic stops and resultant searches. Following this presentation of data, Dr. Nas-Reddin Longo and Captain Kessler answered questions from SPAC members regarding their work.

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 John Filipek and seconded by Allison Crowley. All in favor, none opposed.

Closed session: 2:01 pm
Open session: 2:47 pm

This SPAC meeting was recognized as very likely being the final one for Commissioner Michael Schirling, who has accepted a position with the University of Vermont. Commissioner Schirling expressed his gratitude for having been able to serve as DPS Commissioner and confirmed that Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Morrison will assume the role of Interim Commissioner. Governor Scott will appoint a new Commissioner following an internal process through his office. Members of SPAC offered their congratulations to Commissioner Schirling on his new position and thanked him for his service.

The next meeting of the State Police Advisory Commission was set for August 10, 2022 at 1:30pm.

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 Mary Alice McKenzie. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Carr, Executive Assistant

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