

M I N U T E S

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

McEaddy Conference Room
12th Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach

Members Present:

Rosalyn Baker
Nelson Berrios
Barbara Cheives
Jeffrey Colbath
Douglas Duncan
George Elmore
Joseph Ianno, Jr.
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Dave Kerner
Nellie King
William Kramer
Barry Krischer
Kathleen Kroll
Bryan Kummerlen
Duane Little
Christina Morrison
Gerald Richman
Chuck Shaw
Brian Smith
Priscilla Taylor
Lee Waring

Members Absent:

Dave Aronberg
Sharon Bock
Ric Bradshaw
Michael D'Alonzo
Rolando Garcia
Carey Haughwout
Dave Kerner
John McKenna
Valentin Rodriguez
Robert Shirley
Greg Starling

Dr. Robert Avossa, Ex-Officio Executive
Committee (School Superintendent)

Guests Attending:

Vern Crawford, PBSO
Barbara Dawicke, Court Administration
Mike Gauger, PBSO
Latronda Hayes, Pretrial Services
Stephen Johns, DEA
Amy Karpf, OFMB
Lawrence Leon, PBC School Police Chief

Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Sylvia Moffett, City of West Palm Beach Commissioner
Debra Robinson, PBC School District
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration
Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office

Staff Present:

Vince Bonvento, Interim Executive Director
Arlene Griffiths, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Shahzia Jackson, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager
Pamela Williams, Temporary Staff
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Chairman William Kramer called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chairman Kramer invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The Agenda for the December 14, 2015 meeting was unanimously approved after a motion was made by Mr. George Elmore, second by Mr. Randy Johnson.
- V. The Minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved after motion by Ms. Christina Morrison and second by Judge Jeffrey Colbath.
- VI. New Business Items:
 - A. Search Committee Process: Chairman Kramer updated the members on the search committee's progress with the interview process to final choice of candidate.

He announced out of four very highly qualified candidates, the unanimous recommendation was for Ms. Kristina Gulick to be the new Executive Director of the CJC, and asked if any search committee members cared to comment. Judge Colbath asked if there were any questions from the members to the committee and commented on the difficulty of the process with such qualified individuals to consider. Mr. Randy Johnson commented that any of the final four candidates would be good choices. Chairman Kramer asked if there were comments or questions, and as there were none, Ms. Christina Morrison moved for approval of the final candidate, Ms. Kristina Gulick, with second by Mr. Barry Krischer. With no further discussion, motion passed unanimously. The final process of formal ratification of Ms. Gulick will go before the BOCC at the December 15, 2015 meeting.
 - B. Installation of 2016 Officers: Mr. Lee Waring took the oath of office for Chairman. Mr. Gerald Richman took the oath of office for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Barry Krischer

took the oath of office of Treasurer. Ms. Rosalyn Baker took the oath of office for Secretary. All were duly sworn in by Judge Jeffrey Colbath.

C. Recognition of outgoing members: Mr. Nelson Berrios, Mr. Chuck Shaw, Chief Brian Smith and Mr. Valentin Rodriguez (absent) have served their allotted terms per the seat occupied, and acknowledgement gifts were presented as a token of the CJC member's appreciation of their service. Mr. Lee Waring presented outgoing Chair William Kramer with an appreciation gift, thanking him for his service.

- VII. Interim Director's Comments – Mr. Vince Bonvento thanked the members for their vote of confidence in allowing him to serve as Interim Director, and applauded the choice of the new Executive Director.
- VIII. Business Consent Items: None to be discussed.
- IX. Old Business – none
- X. CJC Initiatives – none
- XI. Chairman's Comments – Chairman Kramer addressed the reorganizational structuring of the CJC brought about by the BOCC, with the revised ordinance to be presented at the end of January, 2016 with the following: a requirement that a BOCC member be part of the Executive Committee; a structural change of Economic Council (EC) seats being reduced to four; of the remaining eight EC seats seven will be appointed by each County Commissioner, and the remaining (eighth) seat will have an ex-offender appointed. Chair Kramer added it may be possible some EC members will be reappointed by the BOCC. As some existing CJC members will not be on the commission moving forward, Chair Kramer thanked the Economic Council members for their service and input to date. Mr. Vince Bonvento added that he received a request from the Clerk and Comptroller requesting that her office no longer be part of the CJC membership, citing that her role of clerk is more administrative function and less of a member of the criminal justice system. Mr. Bonvento also informed the members that the Chief of Police Association seat member currently only serves one year, and they are requesting through ordinance and bylaw change to expand that term to two years to provide more opportunity for participation and input. Chair Kramer responded continuity is important, it may be more appropriate that shorter term seats could be extended by ordinance and bylaw change for that reason. Ms. Nellie King questioned why the membership would exclude the Clerk seat as she sees it as a temporary situation; the next Clerk would possibly be able to serve more consistently on the CJC. Ms. King advised opposing striking the position of Clerk from the ordinance. Judge Kroll asked if in the revision of ordinance and by laws that the County would look at original reasons why members were chosen; the Clerk was an important member of the process. Ms. Barbara Cheives favored keeping the members and roles in place. Mr. Gerald Richman stated it was the original concept of the officeholder and not its proxy to attend, and while eliminating so many EC appointments the continuity of the offices of Chair and Vice Chair could be compromised. Members of the EC consider it important to be included to ensure a healthy climate and cooperation with Law Enforcement. Mr. Richman opposes the cutting of the EC appointees, and intends to

voice his opinion to each Commissioner. Mr. Richman asked if it is necessary to have the decision makers at the table and if their representatives could come in lieu of the actual officeholder, and consider changing meeting times that may allow for better attendance of federal government seat members, and the ordinance should be amended to allow the representative vested with authority to serve as proxy. Commissioner Taylor acknowledged the flexibility to change meeting times and proxy issue, and believes the reduction to four EC seats is not unusual. Mr. Bonvento said the ordinance was set up to not allow proxies. Mr. Lee Waring commented on the proposed changes regarding the EC seats, there are various members serving on subcommittees and is concerned that bringing in new members will disrupt the continuity of work. He added it is critical that all federal and law enforcement seats are very important to retain. Mr. Bonvento suggested that CJC staff could survey the members for a better time for meetings to encourage all members' attendance. Ms. Christina Morrison agreed that continuity is very important in light of the changes and work in the forthcoming year. Ms. Morrison recommended the Commissioners appoint new members as the seat terms expire, rather than all at once, new members would phase in while experienced members phase out more slowly. Chairman Kramer said it would be productive to have a workshop with the BOCC prior to ordinance changes to address the structure. Commissioner Taylor said the commissioners do not need to rely on the EC to find appointees for them, and the basic qualification of an appointee would have a strong interest in safety and address that issue with integrity.

Chairman Kramer said to expect more presence in committee reporting and progress reporting to the BOCC going forward. Mr. Waring added he has committed to the County Administrator to report on at least a semi-annual basis and produce an annual report for review. Mr. Randy Johnson said he believes in promoting from within, and encouraged the CJC staff that had applied for the Executive Director position to continue to give their best effort with an eye to future promotion, and outside applicants were impressed by the working structure of the CJC.

XIII. With no further comments made and no further discussion, Chairman Kramer asked for motion for meeting to be adjourned, motion so moved.