

**M I N U T E S**

**MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021  
PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION  
MCEADDY CONFERENCE ROOM  
301 N. OLIVE AVENUE  
WEST PALM BEACH, FL**

**Members Present:**

Marcia Andrews – *virtual*  
Dave Aronberg - *virtual*  
Sheldon Burkett – *virtual*  
Douglas Duncan - *virtual*  
George Elmore  
Lawrence Gordon  
Joseph Ianno, Jr.  
Michelle Johns – *virtual*  
Randolph Johnson, Sr.  
Kevin Jones  
Dave Kerner  
Nellie King - *virtual*  
Kathleen Kroll  
Christina Morrison  
Matt Pawlowski  
Gerald Richman - *virtual*  
Greg Starling - *virtual*  
Stephen Stepp - *virtual*

**Members Absent:**

Ric Bradshaw  
Joseph Abruzzo  
Frank Adderley  
Cheryl Caracuzzo  
  
Barbara Cheives  
William Dames  
Rachel Docekal  
Carey Haughwout  
Eric Jester  
Thomas J. Jones  
Ariana Fajardo Orsha  
Christopher Orincolo  
Lauren Whetstone  
Matthew Wilhite

**Guests Attending Online:**

Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office  
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office  
Mike Edmondson – State Attorney's Office  
Dr. Angela Bess, PBC School District  
Dave Talley, CareerSource  
Dave Bernhardt, BOCC District 3  
Keith Clinkscale – OFMB  
Dave Talley – PBC CareerSource

**Staff Present/Online:**

Brad Allen, Criminal Justice Analyst  
Regenia Herring, Executive Director  
Jacqueline Jackson, PalmFUSE Coordinator  
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant  
Katherine Shover, Sr. Criminal Justice Analyst  
Bert Winkler, Manager, Program Development  
Jon Van Arnam – Deputy County Administrator  
Jean Williams – County Attorney's Office

- I. **Chairman Joseph Ianno, Jr. called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to members and guests.**
- II. **Roll call was taken by Director Herring and a quorum was present.**
- III. **Chair Ianno invited guests to introduce themselves.**
- IV. **The Chairman asked for the Approval and/or Additions to April 26, 2021 Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mayor Dave Kerner, second by Mr. George Elmore, motion passes unanimously.**
- V. **The Chairman asked for the Approval and/or Corrections to the Minutes of February 22, 2021: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Reverend Kevin L. Jones, second by Mr. Randy Johnson, Sr., motion passes unanimously.**
- VI. **The Chairman commented on the following:**
  - A. Chair Joe Ianno, Jr. welcomed the newest private sector member to the CJC, Mr. Matt Pawlowski, and Managing Assistant U.S. Attorney Mr. Anthony William Lacosta.
  - B. Chair Ianno welcomed back CJC Staff Mr. Damir Kukec, Manager of Research Planning back to the office full-time.
  - C. Chair Ianno congratulated Ms. Barbara Cheives for being the winner of the YWCA 2021 Dorothy Height Racial Justice Award. Dorothy Height was a civil rights and women's rights activist who directed the integration of all YWCA centers after joining the national staff in 1944.
  - D. Chair Ianno wished the best to Palm Beach County School District Chief Frank Kitzerow, who has resigned his position with the School Board effective April 30, 2021. He said Chief Kitzerow was the first co-chair along with Barbara Cheives on the Community Engagement Task Force, and they had done a wonderful job.
  - E. Chair Ianno expressed our deepest sympathies to Ms. Nellie King and her family on the passing of her father-in-law and mother-in-law.
  - F. Chair Ianno announced on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved amending Palm Beach County Code, Chapter 2, Article V, and Division 1. – Various boards, commissions, etc., to resolve a growing problem of achieving in-person quorums that satisfy statutory requirements. The in-person quorum standard, unless restricted by Florida or federal law, rule regulation or code, 25% of the appointed members shall constitute a quorum for defining in person participation for any meeting of a County created board, commission, committee, or similar entity. Chair Ianno thanked Mayor Kerner and Deputy County Administrator Jon Van Arnam for their attention and work on resolving this countywide issue. The CJC can now achieve an in-person quorum with eight members.
  - G. Chair Ianno announces the Palm Beach County Bar Association is hosting a Town Hall Webinar with Chief Judge Krista Marx Thursday, April 29, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via ZOOM, the link is provided on this agenda.

- H. Chair Ianno announced CJC Board member and PBC School Board Member Marcia Andrews is hosting a virtual community meeting for District 6 to be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., to discuss the next multi-year strategic plan and equity related efforts. When asked by the Chairman, Ms. Andrews confirmed that District 6 comprises the western communities.

**VII. Executive Director's Comments:**

- A. Director Herring announced the 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy will end this evening, Monday, April 26, 2021, with a graduation of over 80 participants, both in-person and virtual. She said the latest session added a new area of education that focused on racial disparities in the system and the media's role in addressing racial inequities. Director Herring gave kudos to CJC Staff members Ms. Rosalind Murray and Mr. Brad Allen for their work on the Academy.
- B. Director Herring announced the BOCC approved off-site Proclamations declaring:
  - 1. May 2021 as Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Month in Palm Beach County. Director Herring said the CJC, as part of the Cross-Departmental Public Safety Team will be collaborating with Public Affairs to highlight public Safety events throughout the year. Youth Services will showcase Mental Health Awareness and Trauma-Informed Care.
  - 2. May 2 – 8, 2021 as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week in Palm Beach County
  - 3. May 15, 2021 as National Peace Officers Day in Palm Beach County.
  - 4. Director Herring said she was unaware of the month of March being National Criminal Justice Month, and plans should be made for 2022.
  - 5. This Wednesday, April 28, is the final Policing Forum, at Palm Beach State College, with a focus on school policing. After the final forum, then begins the community conversations to drill down to creating a comprehensive community action plan.

**VIII. New Business:**

Chair Ianno asked for an approval to proceed with making application for the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 (County FY20-21) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. Palm Beach County is allocated a total of \$277,983. Staff proposes to provide \$20,000 toward PalmFUSE and the balance to Reentry Programs. Director Herring said it is necessary to receive consent on this allocation from 51% of the municipalities in Palm Beach County, and the letters of consent have been sent for County Fiscal Year 20-21. Application must be made by May 15. A motion to approve the application process was made by Ms. Christina Morrison, second by Mr. Randy Johnson, Sr., motion passes unanimously.

**IX. Old Business:**

Chair Ianno presented the following items voted on by the Executive Committee to the CJC members to ratify:

- A. On February 8, 2021, the Executive Committee voted to approve the Public Safety Coordinating council/Corrections Task Force recommendation to support the Hanley Foundation making application for the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), Criminal Justice Mental Health Substance Abuse Re-Investment Grant. CJC Treasurer Rachel Docekal had brought this before the Executive Committee, and the Chairman added that the CJC provided a Letter of Support to be submitted with the application, highlighting the project area RISE. Some members from the Executive Committee have formed a group to review grants and partnerships as they come in the future. A motion to ratify the approval was made by Mr. Randy Johnson, Sr., second by Ms. Christina Morrison, motion passes unanimously.
- B. On March 8, 2021, the Executive Committee approved supporting an OJ/OJP Grant opportunity collaborating with FSU on a strategic approach to crime reduction, with the intent to make neighborhoods safer, with focus on the north end of West Palm Beach, after the approval, CJC staff discovered the City of West Palm Beach had already applied for the grant. There was no need to pursue the grant, and after member discussion, it was decided there was no need to ratify this item.
- C. On March 8, 2021, the Executive Committee approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Palm Beach County Victim Services Unit and the CJC to make application for OVW Fiscal Year 2021: Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Grant Program (ICJR). The Public Safety/Victim Services department is creating a group similar to the SART Team, working with victims and offenders. It is an entry-level endeavor that has been placed under the LEPC; Chief Osgood has been tasked as Chair. A motion to ratify the approval was made by Mr. Randy Johnson, Sr., second by Reverend Kevin L. Jones, motion passes unanimously.
- D. On March 8, 2021, the Executive Committee approved proceeding with the Everyday Democracy and Community Partners Dialogue to Change project. This agreement becomes the next steps to the Policing Forums that have been held since late 2020. This project is funded by the MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge grant. The Community Partners agency will engage in conversations at all community levels, using volunteers. A motion to ratify the approval was made by Ms. Christina Morrison, second by Reverend Kevin L. Jones, motion passes unanimously.

**X. Member Comments:**

- A. Chair Ianno briefly went through the calendar of events.
- B. Mayor Dave Kerner, on behalf of the BOCC, thanked Chair Ianno for his leadership, and Chair Ianno acknowledged the hard work in the past year by the BOCC. Mayor Kerner stressed the importance of the CJC members' participation.
- C. Deputy County Administrator Jon Van Arnam commented the CJC Executive Committee has been working very hard to restructure the various subcommittees and task forces of the CJC in terms of the strategic direction of the CJC. Mr. Van Arnam said he hoped to see some of that work on a future agenda.
- D. Chair Ianno commented the CJC Executive Committee has been meeting regularly and planning more of the business of the CJC so as not to take too much time with the background details during the full session meeting. Director Herring agreed and said the ongoing work of the CJC Executive Committee's strategies will be up for discussion in the near future/

E. Director Herring said at the next Executive Committee meeting on May 10th there would be more details to allow the CJC to be more focused on priorities

F. Mr. Randy Johnson applauded the REI Groundwater Presentation and encouraged everyone to attend, and Ms. Marcia Andrews echoed the praise.

**XI. Adjournment:**

Chairman Joe Ianno Jr. adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.