

M I N U T E S

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020
PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
CLAYTON HUTCHESON AGRICULTURAL CENTER
EXHIBIT HALLS A & B
559 N. MILITARY TRAIL
WEST PALM BEACH, FL**

Members Present:

Dave Aronberg
Sheldon Burkett
George Elmore
Carey Haughwout
Joseph Ianno, Jr.
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Michelle Johns
Kevin Jones
Dave Kerner
Kathleen Kroll
Christina Morrison
Stephen Stepp
Matt Willhite

Members Present Online:

Frank Adderley
Marcia Andrews
Barbara Cheives
Ellen Cohen
Rachel Docekal
Lee Waring
Lauren Whetstone

Guests Attending In-Person:

David Bernhardt, PBC District 3
Cheryl Caracuzzo, Circuit Court Judge
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office
Diane McCarthy, Clerk & Comptroller's Office
Tom Valeo, Florida House District 86

Staff Present/Online:

Brad Allen, Criminal Justice Analyst
Regenia Herring, Executive Director
Damir Kukec, Manager, Research & Planning
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Jacqueline Jackson, FUSE Program Coordinator
Rosalind Murray – Sr. Criminal Justice Analyst
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Jon Van Arnam, PBC Deputy County Administrator
Bert Winkler, Manager, Program Development

Members Absent

Frank Adderley
Michael Barbercheck
Sharon Bock
Ric Bradshaw
William Dames
Douglas Duncan
Keith James
Nellie King
Thomas J. Jones
Krista Marx
Christopher Orincolo
Ariana Fajardo Orsha
Tina Polsky
Gerald Richman
Gregory Starling

Guests Attending Online:

Dr. Angela Bess, PBC School District Judge
Starla Brown, Americans for Prosperity
Dr. Vaughn Crichlow, Florida Atlantic University
Michelle Cruz, Court Administration
Mary Quinlan, Court Administration
Dr. Seth Falik, PBC United Way
Arlene Griffiths, Public Safety Reentry
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender'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 and a quorum was present.
- III. Chair Ianno invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. Approval of the November 23, 2020 Agenda: A motion was made by Mayor Dave Kerner, a second by Mr. George Elmore and was unanimously approved by the membership.
- V. Approval of the September 29 meeting minutes: Mayor Dave Kerner, a second by Ms. Christina Morrison and unanimously approved by the membership, made a motion.
- VI. Question was asked about the CJC returning to virtual meetings. Discussion was held on the issue. The Chair asked Ms. Williams, Assistant County Attorney to review our options and report back to the Board.
- VI. **The Chairman commented on the following:**
 - A. The Clayton Hutcheson Agricultural Center will serve as the Full Session Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) venue for the foreseeable future. It is large enough to accommodate all 32 members, including Staff, per social distancing guidelines. Governor DeSantis did not renew his Executive Order, which expired October 31, 2020, permitting quorums to conduct business virtually.
 - B. Chair Ianno welcomed Ms. Ariana Fajardo Orshan, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida to the CJC U.S. Attorney seat.
 - C. Chair Ianno gave a congratulatory welcome to Representative Matt Willhite, Florida House of Representatives District 86.
 - D. Chair Ianno said the newly elected 2021 CJC Officers will be sworn-in at the December 21, 2020 Full Session CJC meeting.
- VII. **The Executive Director provided comments on the following:**
 - A. Executive Director Ms. Regenia Herring announced the retirement of Mr. Jonathan Hackley, our former Senior Criminal Justice Analyst and Coordinator for the Race and Equity Team. The Staff wishes him the best of luck in his future endeavors.
 - B. Director Herring announced the 41st Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy resumed classes and will continue to meet in a hybrid format through December 7, 2020. Up to 70 residents have attended the current session both in-person and virtually.
 - C. Director Herring announced the City of Riviera Beach Police Department is hosting a "Stop the Violence March on Saturday, December 5, 2020. A flyer was included in the agenda packet.
- VIII. **Old Business:**
 - A. None
- IX. **New Business:**

- A. The nomination of the 2021 CJC Officers was presented by Chairman Ianno: Reverend Kevin L. Jones, Vice- Chairman, Dr. Rachel Docekal, Treasurer, and Ms. Nellie King, Secretary. A motion to approve was made by Mayor Dave Kerner, with a second by Ms. Christina Morrison. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Director Herring requested a formal vote to move the CJC 2021 and future Annual Planning Meetings from the month of January to February. A motion to approve was made by Representative Matt Willhite, with a second by Mr. George Elmore. The motion passed unanimously. The final date and time for the 2021 meeting is to be determined.

X. CJC Initiatives and Committee updates were presented as follows:

- A. The Community Engagement Team Co-Chair Barbara Cheives said the work with Everyday Democracy and Heathier Communities continues to coordinate the events in various specific communities. She announced the third in a series of Community Forums on Policing will be held Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Riviera Beach. A flyer was included in the agenda packet.
- B. Corrections Task Force Chairman Doug Duncan was unable to attend the meeting to update members.
- C. Law Enforcement Planning Council Chair Chief Sean Brammer was unable to attend the meeting so, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst Katherine Shover provided the update in his stead. She stated in the last meeting held on October 22, 2020, Special Agent in Charge Troy Walker provided an overview of operations at FDLE. Craig Williams from the State Attorney's Office gave an update on the use of body worn cameras in SVU cases; they are working on a solution to release body worn camera videos more quickly to resolve issues with the court.
- D. Race and Equity Team Chair Reverend Kevin L. Jones updated the members on the focus of "Ethnic Intimidation". This has become a topic of great concern and the Committee is beginning work with the Palm Beach County Office of Equal Opportunity to further examine the issues.
- E. School and Community Safety Task Force Chair Judge James Martz said there has been much discussion on recent issues concerning the death of George Floyd and the impact it has had locally on the task of weaving in mental health services in to the law enforcement response and the criminal justice system. The Task Force continues to work on improving their website and brand to be more visible to the public.
- F. Executive Director Herring said members should consider the future of the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge renewal grant over the next several months. She noted that much work needs to be completed and while we have received substantial funding, the CJC will need to further define its role and its ability to look closely into our system of justice.

XII. **Member Comments:**

None

XIII. **Adjournment:**

Chairman Joe Ianno Jr. adjourned the meeting at 8:54 a.m.