



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
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Meeting Minutes

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT DIVERSION TASK FORCE

ARNITTA HOLLIMAN, CHAIR

**Ald. Milele A. Coggs, Ald. Nik Kovac, Ald. Chantia Lewis,
Nicholas DeSiato. Stephen Hargarten, Cassandra Libal, Aaron
Lipski, David Muhammad, Mary Neubauer, Joshua Parish,
Jamaal Smith, Leon Todd, Nicole Waldner, Amy C. Watson,
and Brenda Wesley**

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Thursday, June 17, 2021

1:00 PM

VIRTUAL

1. Administration of the Oath of Office

Oaths of Office were administered to those requiring them.

2. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m.

3. Roll Call.

Present 17 - Kovac, Coggs, Lewis, Muhammad, Parish, Smith, Mirehouse, DeSiato, Hargarten, Holliman, Libal, Lipski, Neubauer, Todd, Waldner, Watson and Wesley

4. Introduction of Members.

Members present briefly introduced themselves.

5. Election of Chair.

Ald. Lewis nominated Ms. Arnitta Holliman.

There were no other nominations.

Ms. Holliman was elected chair without objection.

6. Review of Enabling Legislation.

The City Clerk briefly reviewed the provisions of Common Council File Number 201519, the task force's enabling legislation.

7. Discussion Regarding Frequency of Meetings

It was decided that, at least initially, the task force would attempt to meet once every three weeks, perhaps altering this to monthly thereafter.

A tentative date and time for the next meeting was set as Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 1 p.m.

It was discussed that meetings should, for the moment, remain "hybrid" but proceed to in-person meetings as soon as is possible.

8. Items For Future Agendas

- 1. Ald. Lewis asked that Ms. Watson be placed on the next agenda to discuss the grant funding available to the task force to begin its work.*
- 2. Ald. Lewis asked that the development of a mission statement be placed on the next agenda.*
- 3. Ald. Lewis asked for an update on the Computer-Aided Dispatch system.*
- 4. Dr. Hargarten asked that possible revisions to the task force's enabling legislation be placed on the next agenda, particularly the question of whether the focus should be broadened from the Milwaukee Police Department.*
- 5. Mr. DeSiato asked that the task force schedule a review of the data on the volume and nature of calls that come into both the emergency and non-emergency numbers of both the Milwaukee Fire and the Milwaukee Police Departments.*
- 6. Mr. DeSiato suggested an orientation for all task force members on the process by which emergency- and non-emergency calls are handled. Ald. Kovac later concurred saying that a detailed review of this process would be in order. Chief Lipski said that review should include both Milwaukee Fire Department and Milwaukee Police Department dispatch as they operate under different systems.*
- 7. Mr. DeSiato asked that the task force undertake a review of comparable cities addressing this same topic, mentioning the CAHOOTS method as well as others, to determine possible approaches as well as best practice. It was also asked that previous write-ups by the Legislative Reference Bureau be provided to all members. Ms. Neubauer said the Wisconsin Policy Forum had issued a report on this topic that could be of use.*

9. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

*James R. Owczarski
City Clerk*