

Minutes

Racial Profiling Prevention and Data Oversight Board Regular Meeting

Pursuant to section EXECUTIVE BRANCH 20 ILCS 2715
Racial Profiling Prevention and Data Oversight Act
(625 ILCS 5/11-212)

June 15th, 2023

10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Location

Via WebEx Video Conference/Teleconference

Call to Order and Roll Call

Karyn Bass-Ehler (CHAIR) calls the meeting to order at 10:02 am. The CHAIR explains the meeting is being held virtually under the conditions listed within the Board's by-laws. CHAIR announces roll call of the members, asks for brief introductions from newly appointed members and states that quorum for the meeting has been met.

Board Members Present & Absent

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Karyn Bass-Ehler (CHAIR)	Senator John Curran
Phyllis Logan	Representative William Davis
Dulce Dominguez	Jason Hicks
Marcus Gipson	Michael Newman
Holly Bieneman	
Amy Thompson	
Jermaine Harris	
Manoj Mate	

Also present were:

Public- (5) Michael Liptrot, Taylor Moore – WBEZ, Matt Kiefer, Drew Hill, Matthew Harland

Jessica Keldermans, Sean Berberet, Maria Castaneda- IDOT personnel

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the March 16th, 2023 Minutes was made by Phyllis Logan and seconded by Holly Bieneman. Carried without opposition from Board members present through virtual notation.

Motion to approve the November 17th, 2022 Minutes was made by Holly Bieneman and seconded by Marcus Gipson. Carried without opposition from Board members present through virtual notation.

Motion to approve the September 15th, 2022 Minutes was made by Manoj Mate and seconded by Holly Bieneman. Carried without opposition from Board members present through virtual notation.

Motion to approve the July 28th, 2022 Minutes was made by Holly Bieneman and seconded by Amy Thompson. Carried without opposition from Board members present through virtual notation.

Introduction of New Members

Jermaine Harris is a 20-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department. He currently serves as a Lieutenant where he develops community-based solutions to violence prevention by collaborating with law enforcement and nonprofit partners. Jermaine is a Chicago native who was born on the city's Westside where he still resides. He is a graduate of Whitney M. Young Magnet High School and a United States Marine Corps veteran

Amy Thompson is Staff Counsel at Impact for Equity (formerly known as BPI), a public interest law and policy center that uses a combination of legal tools, policy research, advocacy, and organizing to work towards transformational change that addresses structural racism and system oppression. Her work with Impact for Equity is focused on the Criminal Legal Systems team, with specific projects including pushing to strengthen Illinois' police officer decertification system, supporting ongoing efforts to reform Chicago's police union contracts, and working with community leaders to advocate for a Chicago Police Department foot pursuit policy that was responsive to community demands.

Manoj Mate is an Associate Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Racial Justice Initiative at DePaul University College of Law. Professor Mate's interdisciplinary research focuses on the study of constitutional law, law and inequality, election law and voting rights.

Future Board Meetings

Per the CHAIR, due to the adoption of the Oversight Board's by-laws in May of 2022, meetings will continue to be held virtually. In order to limit the barriers of participation and achieve quorum, the CHAIR has recommended quarterly board meetings instead of scheduling a meeting every other month. This rescheduling should also allow subcommittees to meet on a more convenient basis, if applicable. Considerations regarding an annual in-person meeting at a physical location where accommodations can be made for most members will be continually discussed. In summary, Board meetings will be scheduled quarterly going forward, will continue

to be held virtually through Web-ex, with an annual in-person meeting to be discussed in the future.

Subcommittee Updates

The CHAIR requested Subcommittee progress updates and reports.

Law Enforcement Compliance- Marcus Gipson is proposing further research into (police training boards) to determine if there are opportunities for information, audits or even fines related to agencies that do not provide traffic and pedestrian stop data as required by state law. Holly Bieneman agreed further research is needed to increase “encouragement” in compliance which is the overarching goal of the committee. An additional member to volunteer to assist this subcommittee is still required since there are only (2) members currently serving.

Data Collections Forms – Phyllis Logan requested she remain a member of this subcommittee and be replaced on the Model Policies and Training subcommittee. The subcommittee did not meet since losing subcommittee member Shareese Pryor. No other updates were provided.

Manoj Mate asked the Board if a driver’s race was identified on the current data collection form based upon the perception from the officer and whether the validity of this perception should be worth exploring within the subcommittee. He also questioned the term “white” to encompass a broader category of individuals, including categorizing some who identify as Middle Eastern as white. Lastly, he asked the Board if a driver can review categories within the stop form and make corrections as needed. Jermaine Harris replied, “from a racial profiling lens, the perception of the officer at the time of the stop is the most crucial data element” compared to a person’s actual identifying classification being corrected.

Lastly, a question was asked to the Board if the race of the officer is or could be required on the data collection form.

Dulce Dominquez expressed interest in participating in the Data Collection Forms Subcommittee.

Model Policies and Training- Marcus Gibson and Phyliss Logan were unable to meet between meetings. This subcommittee is requesting an additional member to volunteer.

Law Enforcement Compliance Estimates

Upon request of the Board, IDOT created a listing of police agencies for the past 5 years that were considered non-compliant and therefore not included within the annual Illinois Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Study. This report was to supplement prior discussions related to causes of non-compliance and showcase trends within certain police agencies and areas. Vendor or 3rd party members were not associated to individual police agencies in this report.

2022 Annual Stop Study Report update

Jessica Keldermans from IDOT spoke on the progress final steps to the 2022 Illinois traffic and Pedestrian Stop Study report which is required to be submitted and published by July 1st of every year. A copy of the report will be provided to the S.O.S., General Assembly, Governor's Office as well as the Oversight Board. It was recommended Nayak Polissar, the lead consultant from Mountain Whisper Light be put on the agenda for next board meeting to address and discuss 2022 stop study analytics.

Open Discussion

Dulce Dominquez reiterated her interest in ascertaining immigration information pertaining to stops if available. This topic will be presented to our consultant prior to the next meeting.

Public Comment

No comment.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 17th, 2023

Adjournment

The CHAIR called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Logan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.