

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)

March 16th, 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 10:03 am. The CHAIR explains the governor's disaster declaration and proclaims the meeting is being held virtually under the conditions listed under the declaration. CHAIR asks for roll call of the members, states a quorum for the meeting has NOT been met.

Attendees

Karyn Bass-Ehler (CHAIR)
Phyllis Logan
Shareese Pryor.
Marcus Gibson
Dulce Dominquez
Jason Hicks

Also present were:

Jessica Keldermans – IDOT Bureau Chief – Data Collection
Public- (3) Sam Stecklow, Dan Tardy & Amy Thompson

Approval of Minutes

July 28th, 2022, September 15th, 2022 & November 17th, 2022 minutes were not approved as a result of quorum not being met. The CHAIR instructed members to vote on the prior meeting minutes at next meeting tentatively scheduled for May 18th, 2023.

Introduction of New Members

Dulce Dominquez lives and works in the Waukegan, Illinois. She has a background in social work administration and works in program development and direct services for Latin Americans and immigration rights.

Disaster Proclamation Discussion

Proclamation Order is scheduled to end on May 11th of 2023. Communications via email will go out to all members whether future Oversight Board meetings will be held virtually or in-person.

Subcommittee Updates

The CHAIR requested Subcommittee progress updates and reports.

Law Enforcement Compliance- needs another additional member to volunteer since there are only (2) members currently serving

Data Collections Forms – Sharese Pryor spoke on behalf of the subcommittee. The subcommittee reviewed all recommendations from the ICJIA Task Force report concerning the current data collection form and discussed additional items presented from IDOT and its consultant. The Subcommittee has identified a strategy moving forward and will present their findings to the Oversight Board upon receipt of further information pertaining to several data form items under consideration.

Model Policies and Training- Marcus Gibson spoke on behalf of the subcommittee. The Subcommittee will reconvene to review areas of the ICJIA Task Force Report as it relates to Model Policies and Training recommendations and discussions. The CHAIR referenced the Board’s statutory regulations pertaining to this subcommittee and offered to assist the subcommittee as needed.

Dulce Dominquez inquired to the overall mission of each subcommittee. Sharese Pryor explained the authority behind ICJIA’s recommendations compared to the Oversight Board’s ability to develop strategies based upon its findings along with the recommendations. The Board has an opportunity to “fill any gaps between the two”. Jessica Keldermans then read Subcommittee roles and responsibilities from May 26, 2022 meeting minutes.

Law Enforcement Compliance Estimates 2022

Jessica Keldermans spoke on Law Enforcement estimates gathered from the Stop Study System. Approximately 200 “non-compliant” police agencies did not submit any traffic stops for calendar year 2022. 23 police agencies confirmed their organization did not perform any traffic stops for 2022. Police agencies that did not fully complete the 12-month reporting requirements for traffic stops will be made available to the Board at the next scheduled meeting. There are approximately 600 police agencies that did not submit pedestrian stops or provide confirmation regarding Pedestrian stop data.

Jessica Keldermans then spoke on the various non-compliance issues involving police agencies as discovered by IDOT. Various issues included:

- Miscommunication between 3rd Party Vendor(s) and Police Agencies as to which organization is responsible for uploading traffic and pedestrian stops to the IDOT system
- Initiating a new contract or changing contracts with vendors which increases “miscommunication” referenced prior
- Police Agency “closings” or “being absorbed” under a different police agency or County authority
- No definitive listing of active police agencies required to submit Traffic/Pedestrian data
- Outdated or Incorrect Police Agency Contact information related to Traffic/Pedestrian reporting
- Turnover at various levels within the Police Agency

Shareese Pryor requested a breakdown of police agencies that have been non-compliant from year to year. IDOT will develop a non-compliance report with Police Agency information for the Oversight Board to review.

Dulce Dominquez recommended the proposed non-compliance report not only include repeat offenders from year-to-year but the location of each police agency. Dulce Dominquez then inquired if the proposed report could list vendor information for each agency and whether a particular vendor has more than one non-compliant police agency as a client. Currently no listing or dataset of 3rd Party Vendors is available for Traffic/Pedestrian reporting.

Phyliss Logan asked, “who is policing the police?”, a question ultimately referring to which entity is ultimately responsible for ensuring police agencies complete the Traffic/Pedestrian reporting requirement? Jessica Keldermans then spoke about a prior practice within a separate IDOT bureau that withheld minimal grant funding from police agencies that were non-compliant. This practice was prior around 2016 and has not continued. Phyliss Logan’s question was never fully answered.

Shareese Pryor stated she would like to provide the proposed non-compliance report to Rep. Davis and Senator Curran for further discussion. Shareese Prior then inquired to the level of involvement from the General Assembly on past Annual Traffic and Pedestrian Stop reports, namely if any General Assembly members requested additional support are clarification on the report findings from IDOT representatives in recent years. Recently, no one aside from the public or the media has submitted questions regarding the study. By statute, IDOT is required to submit a copy of the Annual Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Study Report and its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by July 1st of every year. IDOT has completed this submission requirement annually since 2004.

Shareese Pryor suggested the non-compliant report of Police Agencies and their 3rd party vendor be posted on the Illinois Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Study website currently hosted by IDOT.

Oversight Board Roles and Responsibilities Refresher

Jessica Keldermans then provided a presentation of the roles and responsibilities of the Oversight Board as listed in State of Illinois Statute (20 ILCS 2715/5).

Open Discussion

The CHAIR reiterated the non-compliance report should be made available at the Board's next meeting.

Phyliss Logan then asked if Jessica Keldermans could explain certain aspects of IDOT bureaus as it related to "policing" the police agencies for non-compliance and to clarify formatting issues between police agencies and its vendors. All collection forms and formatting instructions for vendors and police agencies are available on IDOT's public facing website as well as embedded in the Illinois Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Study System for police agency reference.

Marcus Gibson then asked if any member present could provide a historical reference or explain the implantation process for any strategies, changes or policies that result from the Board's discussions or recommendations. There is currently no defined procedure or process for implementation of any of the Oversight Board's recommendations or policies. Discussions then surrounded implementation procedures to involve some aspect of the Governors' Office, the General Assembly, ICJIA, IDOT legal counsel and certain Police associations and unions throughout Illinois.

Shareese Pryor then provided a study for reference to the Board, conducted by her organization BPI., concerning traffic and pedestrian stops in the Chicagoland area.
<https://www.bpichicago.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/A-New-Vehicle-for-Stop-and-Frisk-Report.pdf>

Dulce Dominquez asked the Board to investigate correlations between immigration detentions and traffic or Pedestrian stops in Illinois. Further analysis to this topic will be forthcoming from the Board and IDOT's consultant.

Public Comment

No comment.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 18th, 2023 10am – 12pm.

Adjournment

The CHAIR called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Logan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dominquez. The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.