

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)

Thursday May 26th, 2022
11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Location

Via WebEx Video Conference/Teleconference

Call to Order and Roll Call

Tobara Richardson (CHAIR) calls the meeting to order. The CHAIR explains the governor's disaster declaration and proclaims the meeting is being held virtually under the conditions listed under the declaration. Then the CHAIR announces roll call of the members, states a quorum for the meeting has been met and then requests the members to provide brief introductions and backgrounds.

Attendees

Tobara Richardson is counsel to the Illinois Attorney General's Office and is excited to be a part of this board.

Marcus Gipson is with the Illinois State police, he is a deputy director over the academy and training. It is his 1st meeting with the board.

Phyllis Logan is a 1st time member participating on the Board

Carmen Patlan is the executive director of the CHICAGO public library which recently became 1 of the top 3 libraries in the nation for their exemplary work in the community. She has been on this board from its inception and is excited to continue the process.

Jason Hicks is a detective with the East St Louis police department. He is a first-time appointee to the Board.

Illinois State Senator, John Curran represents the 41st district. Before serving in the Senate, he was an assistant State's attorney for 19 years.

Shareese Pryor works at the Law Policy Center in Chicago, working to advanced racial, economic and social justice in the city and the State of Illinois. She also works on advocating for changes to the criminal legal system. She wishes to increase police accountability.

Holly Bieneman is the director of the office of planning and programming at the Illinois Department of transportation. Her department provides administrative support to for this commission is department's mandated representative.

Stephen Rushin is a law professor Loyola University of Chicago, where he teaches police accountability and investigates racial profiling.

Representative William Davis

John Thompson

Also present were:

Jessica Keldermans – IDOT Bureau Chief – Data Collections

Sean Berberet – IDOT – Data Collections

Nayak Polissar – IDOT Consultant – Mountain Whisper Light

Nirnaya Miljacic – IDOT Consultant – Mountain Whisper Light

Approval of Minutes

(None) First Meeting since 2014

Approval of Bylaws

The bylaws for the Board were emailed to the members prior to the meeting. The CHAIR requested for a motion to accept the Bylaws. There was a motion to accept by Ms. Logan and second motion by Ms. Patlan. All were in favor, none opposed. Bylaws were adopted on May 26th, 2022

Introduction

Jessica Keldermans and Sean Berberet from IDOT provided an overview of the Oversight Board's history and required duties as outlined in Racial Profiling Prevention and Data Oversight Act (625 ILCS 5/11-212). IDOT officials also provided an overview of past and current actions surrounding the collection of Traffic and Pedestrian Stop data within the State of Illinois. Actions included the use of technology, current reporting forms and annual reports. IDOT officials also explained the recent addition of a Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Data Use and Collection Task Force created under section (h-1) of the Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Statistical Study 625 ILCS 5/11-212. Spearheaded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), this Task Force completed a two-year study and recently submitted a report of recommendations to the Governor's Office on topics pertaining to the Racial Profiling and Prevention process in Illinois.

Group Discussion

Group discussions then took place regarding the following topics:

- Information required to be collected for each Traffic and Pedestrian Stop on the Statewide data collection forms.
- Redacted Traffic and Pedestrian Stop data provided to the public
- Law Enforcement compliance to report all Traffic and Pedestrian Stops annually
- Possible remedies for Law Enforcement non-compliance
- Findings as presented in the IDOT Annual Report to the Governor's Office, Secretary of State and the General Assembly

Nayak Polissar and Nirnaya Miljadic from Mountain Whisper Light provided an overview of the findings within the most recent IDOT Annual Traffic and Pedestrian Report from 2020. Group discussions then took place regarding the following annual report topics:

- Improvements to benchmarking through additional data sources outside the traditional Traffic and Pedestrian stop collection data. This included census data, Illinois crash data and Secretary of State information regarding Illinois Drivers.
- Consideration to collect additional data not currently on the standardized forms to include ethnicity, if an arrest or detention was made as result of the stop and more precise stop location data by use of GPS coordinates.
- Legislative amendments to the data collection forms and reminder of the ICJIA Task Force recommendation report already submitted
- Ms. Logan recommended Mountain Whisper Light or IDOT provide a map of Illinois Law Enforcement agencies that were non-compliant on an annual basis to determine if certain areas were more subjective to the mandate.
- Process of Law Enforcement Officer determining the race of an individual may not be accurate and instances in other states of systematic misrepresenting of race during stops
- Understanding the Annual Report and what the data suggests for certain Law enforcement agencies.
- Mr. Rushin then asked Nayak Polissar to expand on how Mountain Whisper Light determined baseline or benchmarking for certain areas in Illinois.
- A further discussion ensued regarding "Crash" data as compared to "Traffic or Pedestrian" Stop data. The CHAIR clarified Board's mandate and goals did not revolve around improving or discussing automotive crashes in certain areas rather the crash data was used to supplement racial profiling and prevention analysis.

CHAIR recommended the development of 3 Subcommittees to handle to following areas:

- Law Enforcement Compliance
- Changes to the Data collection Forms
- Identify Model Policies and Training

Public Comment

(none)

Upcoming Meetings

The CHAIR recommended the Board begin meeting once every two months on the 3rd Thursday of the designated month from 10am to 12pm Central Standard Time. The Next meeting is tentatively schedule on the 21st of July.

Adjournment

The CHAIR called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Logan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patlan. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.