



Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission

**The Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission and Police Community Review Board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at the Central Library in the Tannenbaum-Sternberger Room. Commissioner Tom Phillips presiding**

**Commissioners Present:** Sevier, Nazim, Webb, Phillips, & Friedland

**Commissioners Absent:** Gethers-Clark & Jalloh

**PCRB Members present:** K. Brown

**PCRB Members absent:** O'Brien & Q. Brown

**Staff Present:** Latisha McNeil, Criminal Justice Administrator, Trey Davis, Assistant City Manager, Capt. Harris & GPD Professional Standards

**Visitors:** Latoya Alston, Cora Porter, Sheena Beasley, Marissa Meredith

**Legal Department present:** Andrea Harrell, Police attorney

**I. Call to Order:**

Chair Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

**II. Moment of Silence:**

The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

**III. Approval of September meeting minutes**

Commissioner Nazim made a motion to approve the September Meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Webb. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**IV. Update Bail Recommendation**

Commissioner Friedland spoke to the group about the meeting some members of the GCJAC had with the DA on 10/14/19. From the meeting, the group learned that the DA's office does not ask for cash bail. Further discussion was had about the meeting with the DA and where the notions of cash bail may come from. The group decided that they would like to have a forum on the topic of bail. Discussion was held on who the commission would like to see speak at the forum. Commission Friedland suggested that the group maybe have a demonstration on how court works.

**V. Street Law Update**



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Marissa Meredith, Elon Law School Professor spoke about the street law program. The program is at several Guilford county schools and the Juvenile detention center. The program is currently serving 150 students they are currently. The GCJAC commissioners will be able to assist the street law program during mock trials and other opportunities. Professor Meredith will contact the CJ Admin to provide dates, times and location for the commissioners to assist.

**VI. Update on Strategic Planning**

CJ Admin McNeil spoke to the group about having a retreat to finish creating the strategic plan. She will reach out to the commissioners via email and give some possible dates for the retreat as well as preliminary responses from the survey that commissioners completed on the planning.

**VII. Update from Greensboro Police Department on data from temporary policy changes**

Attorney Harrell spoke with the group about the results from the special order on traffic stops (officers could no longer initiate traffic stops based solely on equipment related traffic infractions unless related to a call for service.) The special order was placed into effect from 11/2015-02/2017. During the time of the special there was a decrease in the number of traffic stops overall and since the order has been rescinding the numbers of stops have trended lower than numbers prior to the special order. The group had discussion on the benefits of receiving this type of data.

**VIII. Additional Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Webb spoke about the NACOLE conference that he attended on September. From the conference, his take-away from the conference were the importance of having transparency and independence. He expressed that it is important for the commission to get out and let the community know about the commission. The body discussed working on ideas such as outreach at the strategic plan.



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**Visitors Remarks**

Latoya Alston spoke about assisting in promotion with the housing authority

Cora Porter also stated that she would like some flyers to pass out at UNCG

**Commissioner Nazim moved to adjourn the meeting with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sevier.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7: 08pm**

**Next meeting Scheduled 11/21/19@6pm. Central Library Tannenbaum- Sternberger Room**