



**Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission**  
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**The Greensboro Criminal Justice Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2021 virtually via Zoom GCJAC Chair, Jaye Webb presiding**

**Commissioners Present:** Webb, K. Brown, Phillips, & Friedland, Q. Brown, O'Brien & C. Brown

**Commissioners Absent:** Jalloh

**Staff Present:** Trey Davis, Assistant City Manager, Latisha McNeil, Criminal Justice Administrator

**Visitors:**

**Legal Department present:** Rosetta Davison, City Attorney

**I. Call to Order:**

Chair Jaye Webb called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

**II. Moment of Silence:**

The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips Second by Commissioner K. Brown. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

**VI. Brainstorming on upcoming activities**

The body discussed activities to help bridge the gap between police and the community. Commissioner Phillips brought up asking the Police Departments' Office of Community Engagement to come and present to the commission to discuss the activities the officers are doing in the community. The commission may be able to work together with the department to build better relationships.

Commissioner K. Brown spoke about discussions that she has had with various community members. The suggestion came up to have police officers do a certain

number of “volunteer” project hours in the communities they serve. So a part of the officers’ work week would include the officers working in communities. ACM Davis advised the group that the police department does something very similar already, so the conversation with the police engagement would be helpful.

Chair Webb spoke about the desire to have Chief James come and talk to the group about things happening within the department.

A new chair for the Outreach subcommittee is needed. Commissioner C. Brown stated that she would be interested but wanted to get more information about the chair position's responsibilities.

The policy subcommittee will begin looking at the courtesy policies. They will also be requesting that the police department provide internal complaint information.

The year-end external complaints report will be sent to the group before the next GCJAC meeting.

Commissioner Phillips talked about possibly looking at a sample of cases from professional standards for audit and review purposes. He also advised a recommendation will be included in the City Councils' request of the state legislator to include permission to GCJAC to look at body-worn camera footage for auditing purposes as well.

Commissioner Q. Brown reiterated the need for the commission to receive internal and external complaint data. He also spoke about the group possibly hosting a town hall meeting to allow the community to share their experiences and concerns.

Commissioner K. Brown talked about the possibility of partnering with other boards and commissions to talk about the intersections of policing and other social issues. The group could host a forum talking about some of the community’s issues and possible solutions. Commissioner Phillips stated that the City Council has been talking about creating a task force with community partners, local universities, and others to discuss policing and social issues. He stated the hopefully, the GCJAC would be included in that task force when it materializes. Commissioner K. Brown noted that this could be an opportunity for the boards and commissioner to come up with joint recommendations.

ACM Davis asked City Attorney Davis to check if it is possible to have the commission’s work together. He also stated that the executive board might want to reach out to Councilwoman Kennedy for her input.

Commissioner Q. Brown echoed ACM’s sentiment regarding cross-board collaboration. City Attorney Davis stated that she would also check with Dr. Love Jones in the Human Rights Department regarding steps that need to be taken and if there are barriers to collaborations.

Commission Q. Brown asked about city staff not having their camera on during meetings. Attorney Davis responded that in City Council meetings, staff is asked to keep their

cameras off. So she follows the same precedent in these meetings but is present in the conversation.

Commissioner Phillips advised the group that the group there was a resignation by one of the commissioners and that the executive board will be looking for a replacement.

Commissioner K. Brown asked about the body having a retreat or work session. Chair Webb stated that the executive committee would talk about having some agenda-setting session.

### **I. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6.30 pm on November 19, 2020, in Zoom.