

## Policy Subcommittee MINUTES

Monday, March 3, 2025 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Zoom

**Members Present:** Tanya Hughes, Werner Oyanadel, Tamara Lanier, Michael Gailor, Kelly Mero, Chief Jack Drumm, Chief Neil Dryfe

Staff: Ken Barone, Erica Escobar

I. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. Approval of the January 13, 2025, meeting minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 13, 2025, meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

## III. New Business

a. S.B. 1436: An Act Concerning Police Data Reporting Requirements

The subcommittee discussed S.B. 1436. This bill was previously passed out of the House, but did not go up for a vote in the Senate. The bill was modified based on feedback from the Office of the Chief State's Attorney and the Police Chiefs Association, incorporating their recommendations in an amendment adopted on the House floor.

The current version of the bill, reflects the modifications that were made during the 2024 session. In particular, the bill will establish a Class D felony for intentionally falsifying a law enforcement record or entering false information into such a record. Allow for the decertification of an officer by the POST Council for the submission of false information in a law enforcement record and require the appointing authority (such as a mayor or first selectman) to report instances where a chief law enforcement officer submits false information.

The subcommittee reviewed and discussed testimony in support of the bill, which mirrors the language endorsed by the advisory board last year. The testimony emphasizes the importance of addressing intentional falsification while clarifying that unintentional mistakes should not be penalized. A discussion was held on the necessity of language distinguishing intentional falsification from honest errors, with consensus reached that this distinction is appropriate given the intent requirement in the bill.

The subcommittee unanimously supported the testimony. Full board members will be informed that the bill has been endorsed by the subcommittee and submitted on their behalf.

## b. H.B. 7132: An Act Concerning Non-Safety Related Traffic Stops

House Bill 7132, concerning non-safety-related traffic stops simplifies the previous proposal by removing the primary and secondary stop framework and reducing the number of reforms from 19 to 6. Key changes include adjustments to license plate obstruction language, technical citation clarification, a requirement for two headlights (with only one functional for a ticket), and an extension of the unregistered vehicle period from 30 to 60 days.

Concerns were raised including the safety implications of the single headlight requirement, issues around windshield obstruction language, and visibility of license plates in the context of automated cameras and tinted windows. The Police Chiefs Association has expressed concerns about these aspects.

The board did not prepare testimony as there was not enough time for full board approval before the public hearing. There is no official position at this time. The board will continue to monitor developments before deciding whether to support the bill.

## IV. General Discussion

The group discussed the timeline for working on the bylaws. A full first draft is expected by the end of March, with review planned for the next meeting. The goal is to focus primarily on the bylaws by April.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.