



## Policy Subcommittee Minutes

Monday, April 1, 2024  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Zoom

**Members Present:** Tanya Hughes, Werner Oyanadel, Chief Neil Dryfe, Cherly Sharp, Kelly Mero

**Staff:** Ken Barone, Erica Escobar

### I. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Hughes convened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

### II. Approval of the March 4, 2024, meeting minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 4, 2024, meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### III. Old Business

#### a. Review draft statements.

Ken Barone provided an update on the decision made at the previous meeting to create statements acknowledging the successful passage of both bills through the committee. The plan is for the board to present their statements at the April 11th full Advisory Board meeting if they choose to take a position. Upon board approval of any version of these statements, the committee chairs will be informed, and the statement will be released to establish the position. Ken presented the drafted statement crafted for H.B. 5055 – *An Act Strengthening Police Data Reporting Requirements*, reflecting the discussions from the March 4th meeting. The members agreed with the statement, which will be sent to the full advisory board.

Next, Ken updated members on H.B. 5324, *An Act Establishing Secondary Traffic Violations*. The secondary stop bill passed out of committee last week. This marks the third year that this bill has been presented to the legislature. The Advisory Board has not taken a position on this bill in the past due to a lack of consensus among the group. There were different positions among various stakeholder groups. Ken presented the draft statement for H.B. 5324-

*An Act Establishing Secondary Traffic Violations*, to members and then opened it up for discussion.

Werner Oyanadel believes that H.B. 5324 aligns with the advisory group's focus on traffic violations and traffic safety. He sees the lack of contribution on this issue as a missed opportunity. Werner disagrees with the drafted statement, finding it insufficient. However, he's open to further discussion within the group and will go along with the majority's decision.

Cheryl Sharp concurred with Werner, expressing that the drafted language lacks substance and does not align with the advisory group's usual standards of strength in statements. She recommended maintaining silence to uphold the group's position.

Chief Neil Dryfe mentioned that the police chief's association has already submitted written testimony. He sees little to add unless the stance remains neutral. Agreed with Cheryl, he suggested that remaining silent might be the best option if no position is taken.

If there were no objections, the Policy Subcommittee would remain silent on H.B. 5324 - *An Act Establishing Secondary Traffic Violations*. Members unanimously agreed, and it was forwarded by consensus.

#### IV. New Business

Ken mentioned that at the April 11th meeting, there would be a presentation and report from IntegrAssure, the group brought in to evaluate ways to improve data system integrity after the state police audit. They presented a draft copy of the report, outlining general ideas. The group assessed the system and proposed best practices for ensuring data integrity. They suggested departments employ audits, including targeted and random auditing, focusing on reviewing body-worn and dashboard camera footage. Ken highlighted the importance of targeted audits triggered by specific thresholds and random audits conducted quarterly. The report also addressed building systems to identify troubling data trends and implementing reporting mechanisms for audit and complaint results. The detailed and comprehensive report will be released next week.

#### V. General Discussion

- a. Working group to develop a model policy for data integrity.

The subcommittee discussed forming a working group to draft a model policy on data integrity. Ken explained that after creating the model policy, the first step would be to present it to the board for consensus. While the board can't mandate adoption, they can endorse it as a suggested standard. The next step

would be to consider presenting it to the POST council for formal adoption. Ken stressed the importance of finding a balance between ideal standards and practical feasibility to accommodate departments of all sizes. He suggested reviewing existing policies and discussing potential additions to create a model policy. For example, each department could implement a policy on body-worn cameras, and random auditing of body-worn camera footage could be included in traffic stop reviews. These points require further discussion.

As of now, the agreed participants include Chief Neil Dryfe, Werner Oyanadel, Kelly Mero, along with Ken Barone and Erica Escobar. After the report's release at the next meeting, they will schedule regular meetings to start the process.

There was no further discussion, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.