

**Policy Subcommittee
Minutes**

Tuesday, April 11, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Zoom

Policy Subcommittee Present: Tanya Hughes, Mike Gailor, Werner Oyanadel, Tamara Lanier, Claudine Constant, Darcy Strand, Chief Neil Dryfe, Cheryl Sharp, Stacey Sobel

Staff: Ken Barone, Erica Escobar

I. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Hughes convened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

II. Approval of the February 14, 2023, meeting minutes

Tamara Lanier made a motion to approve the February 14, 2023, meeting minutes and it was seconded by Stacey Sobel. The minutes were approved by members via voice vote.

III. Old Business

a. Update on S.B. 953- An Act Concerning the Definition of Racial Profiling

Ken briefed the Policy Subcommittee of S.B. 953 – An Act Concerning the Definition of Racial Profiling. Ken stated the bill passed unanimously out of the Judiciary Committee on March 30th. There were minor changes made to the bill based on recommendations that ensured the definition was uniform throughout the Racial Profiling Statute.

IV. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

V. General Discussion Bills related to CTRP3 Work:

a. H.B. 6888- An Act Concerning Juvenile Justice (Pedestrian Data Collection)

Ken updated the Policy Subcommittee board members of H.B. 6888- An Act Concerning Juvenile Justice. Ken stated if the bill were to pass out of the committee it would require the Advisory Board to figure out what data would need to be collected by October 1st. It would also require CJIS to work with police department vendors between October 1st of this year and January 1, 2025, to modify the system and begin collecting pedestrian stop data. Data would begin to be collected on January 1, 2025, and it would require the first analysis and an annual analysis every year after that to be completed by July 1, 2026.

Tamara Lanier recommended the Policy Subcommittee bring in the chief of police and stakeholders to get their perspectives of each of their own communities. Ken suggested the Policy Subcommittee express to the Advisory Board their recommendation to not endorse the requirements at this time but to state that there is merit to potentially collecting pedestrian stop data and express their interest in exploring it. As part of their recommendation, Ken also suggested creating a pilot program. The Policy Subcommittee members agreed with Ken's recommendation to the Advisory Board.

b. S.B. 1195- An Act Establishing Secondary Traffic Violations

Ken updated Policy Subcommittee members. S.B. 1195- An Act Establishing Secondary Traffic Violations made it out of the Judiciary Committee with several changes to it. The Policy Subcommittee did not take a position on this bill. Ken stated of the lighting statute reforms included in the bill, three lighting statutes became secondary offenses. This included: failure to illuminate the rear registration plate, failure to mount or carry two reflectors if the vehicle has one reflector, and failure to have two functional headlamps if the vehicle has one headlamp working.

Ken mentioned that the bill that passed out of the Judiciary Committee removed brake lights and taillights as secondary offenses and are still considered primary offenses. Section 1418 of the bill, which includes the display of plate statutes, was both clarified and modified. It is now a secondary offense to display a plate in the rear considering numbers and letters are still legible for police officers to read. If the windshield obstruction is not substantial, depending on the police officer's discretion, it will now be considered a secondary violation. Failure to renew registration has been extended from 30 days to 60 days and will be considered a secondary violation during that time frame.

Ken suggested the Policy Subcommittee not take a position and remain neutral regarding the bill but, recommends the Policy Subcommittee express their concern with certain statutes that do not need to remain on the books. He also suggests the Policy Subcommittee make a recommendation to the Advisory Board to consider the Policy Subcommittee's outline of items highlighted today regarding certain statutes.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.