



Minutes

Thursday, February 19, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Virtual (Zoom)

Advisory Board Members Present: Stacey Manware, Chief LJ Fusaro, Werner Oyanadel, Dr. Cato Laurencin, Chief Jack Drumm, Bill Dyson, Commissioner Ronnell Higgins, Chelsea-Infinity Gonzalez, Piotr Milcek, Cheryl Sharp, Chief Neil Dryfe, Kelly Mero, Tamara Lanier, Gail Hardy, Melvette Hill, Andrew Clark, Major Alessandro Giannone

Staff: Ken Barone, Erica Escobar, Jim Fazzalano, Valerie Gordon

I. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Drumm called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., and members introduced themselves. Ken Barone noted that Lt. Colonel Davison recently retired from the Connecticut State Police after serving approximately three years on the Advisory Board. He expressed appreciation for Davison's contributions, particularly his work following the traffic stop data audit, and formally thanked him as a valued partner.

He also shared that Colonel Loughman has appointed Major Giannone as designee to the board and welcomed him.

II. Approval of January 22, 2026, meeting minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 22, 2026, was made and seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Subcommittee Updates

a. Data Collection, Analysis, and Quality

i. New data schema rollout

An update was provided on the new data schema rollout. The Data Subcommittee has been actively monitoring implementation and has met regularly to review progress. Beginning in 2026, five new data fields were introduced, and these have been successfully rolled out to most agencies. NexGen, which covers the largest share of agencies, has implemented the updates across its client base.

Work is ongoing with the remaining agencies, including New Haven PD and Hartford PD, to complete implementation. Overall, progress continues to move forward, and the new data is being received and reviewed with positive initial results.

ii. 2025 End of Year Data Review

An update was provided on the finalized 2025 traffic stop data, which was completed earlier than usual. Overall, traffic stops increased by approximately 8%, rising from about 413,000 in 2024 to roughly 447,000 in 2025.

Enforcement was significantly higher in the first half of the year, with notable peaks in March and April, likely driven by federally funded campaigns. However, activity declined in the second half, with the final quarter trending at or slightly below 2024 levels.

Municipal departments accounted for the largest increase in stops. Increases were observed across most racial and ethnic groups, though further analysis will be conducted to assess potential disparities.

The overall rise in stops was primarily driven by increases in “other safety” enforcement (particularly stop sign violations) and equipment-related stops, while speed-related enforcement remained largely unchanged.

The subcommittee noted a continued upward trend in traffic stops since 2021 but highlighted the need to monitor the decline observed in late 2025 heading into 2026.

iii. Department Online Data Portals

An update was provided on the development of department-level online data dashboards designed to improve real-time access to law enforcement data. The project, developed in partnership with an external vendor, is intended to supplement annual reporting by allowing agencies to review their own trends throughout the year.

The system is being developed in phases. Phase 1 will provide descriptive statistics and basic visualizations of key metrics, including traffic stops, arrests, searches, and stop outcomes, with filtering by time period and demographics. Later phases may incorporate more advanced trend analysis and, potentially, internal officer-level analysis.

The first phase is expected to be completed within approximately three months, with additional functionality to be developed over time.

b. Policy

i. Racial Profiling Statement

The Policy Subcommittee presented a revised Racial Profiling Statement, previously endorsed by the full advisory board. The revisions were technical in nature, focused on clarifying language and refining the definition of racial profiling to align with statutory language.

The statement had been unanimously approved by the subcommittee and introduced at the January full board meeting. It was then brought forward for a formal vote and approved by the board.

c. Community Outreach

i. Public Forums

An update was provided on the January 28 public forum. The forum was held in Trumbull at the Main Branch Library and was well attended. The subcommittee discussed potential revisions to the forum format to improve community engagement, including outreach to legal partners such as attorneys and public defenders to explore collaboration. Planning is also underway for the Windsor public forum, with the date and location still to be determined.

ii. Media Campaign

A draft media campaign video was shared as part of ongoing community outreach efforts. A one-minute version of revised digital media content was presented for review for use on CTRP3's website and social media platforms. The video remains in development and will be further refined before final release.

The content focuses on traffic stop encounters, public awareness of rights, community engagement, roadway safety, and transparency in traffic enforcement, including reference to Connecticut's racial profiling law. It is intended for distribution through CTRP3's website, social media channels, and partner organizations once finalized.

The project is expected to be completed within the coming weeks, after which the final version will be released for public use.

IV. Old Business

a. Qualitative Review Report Follow-Up

An update was shared on the qualitative review report follow-up. Subcommittees are reviewing the report's nine recommendations to identify priorities for implementation, including a focus on improving outreach to younger drivers and engaging them more effectively in future communications.

The qualitative review report is available on the website, and no additional questions or comments were raised following its prior presentation.

The next phase of the project will include focus groups with patrol officers across Connecticut to assess their perspectives and improve engagement strategies. Planning is also underway for a broader community-based study as a subsequent phase.

b. 2023 and 2024 Data Analysis Statewide Findings Timeline Update

An update was also provided on the 2023–2024 report, with continued progress on follow-up analysis with the identified agency. The report remains on track for release pending completion of the remaining review work.

V. General Discussion

Following approval of the Racial Profiling Statement, the statement will be posted on the website and distributed through social media and standard communication channels, including a formal press release.

VI. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, it was noted that the board will now meet six times per year, reduced from 10–12 meetings. There will be no meeting in March due to the legislative session and scheduling conflicts. The next meeting will be held in April and will take place in person at the LOB.

There was no further discussion, and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.