Policy Subcommittee
Minutes

Thursday, September 10, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Zoom

Members Present: Werner Oyanadel, Chelsea-Infinity Gonzalez, Chief "Jack" Drumm, Chief Neil Dryfe, Kelly Mero

Staff: Ken Barone, Erica Escobar, Sincere Valentine

I. Welcome & Introductions

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

II. Approval of the June 1, 2026, meeting minutes

A motion to approve the June 1, 2026, meeting minutes was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

III. Old Business

a. 2027 Legislative Session Priorities
   i. Review Police Reporting Legislation

An update was provided on potential priorities for the 2027 legislative session. Members discussed revisiting legislation concerning the intentional falsification of law enforcement records.

The original version of House Bill 5055 (2024) would have established a Class D felony for a police officer who intentionally falsifies a law enforcement record with the intent to mislead. The bill also included provisions allowing intentional falsification to serve as grounds for decertification and requiring certain criminal conduct to be referred to the Chief State's Attorney for investigation.

Members discussed the distinction between intentional falsification and inadvertent errors, noting that the legislation specifically

requires intent to mislead. It was also noted that the legislation would apply to falsification of law enforcement records, including records maintained under the Alvin W. Penn Act.

The group agreed that, if the legislation is revisited, the Advisory Board should focus on the original version of the bill and avoid provisions added in subsequent versions that fall outside the Board's scope, including provisions related to the Department of Correction and Freedom of Information.

Members agreed without objection to forward the recommendation to the full Advisory Board for consideration and potential recommendation to the Judiciary Committee for the 2027 legislative session.

b. Draft RP Training Curriculum

The draft racial profiling training curriculum was presented for initial feedback. The proposed four-hour elective course is intended for law enforcement supervisors and would focus on the importance of racial profiling data collection and reporting, supervisory responsibilities, liability, and contemporary issues such as body-worn cameras and other technology.

The curriculum is organized into six modules covering the definitions and legal framework of racial profiling, historical context, supervisory responsibilities and data review, liability, contemporary issues, and related topics. The curriculum was developed based in part on a similar training program used for police chiefs in Texas and adapted for Connecticut.

Members agreed that the curriculum contains valuable material but is too extensive for a four-hour training. Concerns were raised that some of the material may be too detailed or complex for frontline supervisors and that the course should focus on practical information and tools that supervisors can use in their roles. Members also identified the historical context, data collection and use, liability, and evolving technology as areas that may warrant inclusion.

Members will review the curriculum and identify the topics they consider most important. The curriculum will then be refined into a more focused training, with consideration given to conducting a pilot session with law enforcement training officers and Advisory Board members before finalizing the course.

IV. New Business

a. Community and Police Survey Proposals

Researchers from Northeastern University are finalizing proposals for community and law enforcement surveys. The work builds on last year's assessment, which identified a need to better understand officers' perspectives and community experiences. The proposals will consider appropriate engagement methods, sampling approaches, and tools for reaching officers and community members.

Draft proposals are expected to be shared in the coming weeks for Advisory Board and subcommittee feedback. Members will be asked to assess the feasibility of the proposed approaches and provide recommendations to the research team. The surveys are being considered as a priority for the coming year, potentially over an 18-month period.

V. General Discussion

There was no general discussion, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.