



Committee on Public Safety

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Monday, January 11, 2021

3:00 PM

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Committee Chair: Colin Smith

Committee Room, 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601

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CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chair Colin Smith called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tyrae Woodson-Samuels	D13 Legislator	Remote	
Colin Smith	Chair	Remote	
Nancy Barr	D6 Legislator	Absent	
Margaret A Cunzio	D3 Legislator (Minority Leader)	Remote	
Kitley Covill	D2 Legislator	Absent	
Christopher Johnson	D16 Legislator (Majority Whip)	Present	
MaryJane Shimsky	D12 Legislator (Majority Leader)	Remote	
Benjamin Boykin	D5 Legislator (Chairman)	Absent	

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Friday, December 04, 2020 at 10:01 AM

On motion of Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the minutes were approved 4 - 0.

2. Monday, October 26, 2020 at 3:30 PM

On motion of Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the minutes were approved 4 - 0.

3. Monday, October 26, 2020 at 10:02 AM

On motion of Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the minutes were approved 4 - 0.

4. Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 1:01 PM

On motion of Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the minutes were approved 4 - 0.

5. Monday, October 05, 2020 at 3:00 PM

On motion of Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the minutes were approved 4 - 0.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

II. OTHER BUSINESS

Unfinished Business and any other agenda items to come before the Committee.

III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. **(ID # 12549) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Correspondence - Exotic Animals Ban:**

Forwarding constituent correspondence regarding the Exotic Animals Ban.

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

2. **(ID # 12555) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: NYS Bar Association Journal Article - Cannabis Legalization:**

Forwarding an article from the *New York State Bar Association Journal* entitled, "Cannabis Legalization: Social Equity Provisions Are a Sticking Point and a Selling Point."

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

3. **(ID # 12579) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: LoHud Article - "Daycare centers worry they won't weather the fiscal hit from coronavirus":**

Forwarding a *LoHud* article entitled, "Daycare centers, open or not, worry they won't weather the fiscal hit from the coronavirus."

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

4. **(ID # 12588) Communication – HON. MARYJANE SHIMSKY: Daily Kos.com Article - "Severe Child Abuse Increases in Texas Hospital amid Coronavirus Quarantine":**

Forwarding a *Daily Kos.com* article entitled, "Severe Child Abuse Increases in Texas Hospital amid Coronavirus Quarantine."

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

5. **(ID # 12634) Communication – HON. DAMON MAHER: NYTimes Article - "Barr Expands Early Release of Inmates of Prisons Seeing More Coronavirus Cases":**

Forwarding a *New York Times* article entitled, "Barr Expands Early Release of Inmates of Prisons Seeing More Coronavirus Cases."

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

6. **(ID # 12682) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: NYTimes.com - "Save a Life From Coronavirus: Bail Someone Out of Jail Today":**

Forwarding a *NYTimes.com* article entitled, "Save a Life From Coronavirus: Bail Someone Out of Jail Today."

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

7. **(ID # 12699) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Jail Release Update: 79 Inmates Released from County Jail:**

Forwarding a press release from the Westchester District Attorney's office regarding the number of inmates released from the Westchester County Jail.

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

8. **(ID # 12750) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Correspondence regarding Protest and Community Priorities:**

Forwarding correspondence received from Harry Bruce Maher regarding Protest and Community Priorities.

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

9. **(ID # 12751) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Correspondence regarding Black Law Enforcement Recommendations for Police Oversight:**

Forwarding correspondence received from Damon Jones regarding Black Law Enforcement Recommendations for Police Oversight.

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

10. **(ID # 12754) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Correspondence regarding Grass Roots Matching Gift Drive:**

Forwarding correspondence regarding Grass Roots Matching Gift Drive.

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

11. **(ID # 12755) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Correspondence from National Nurses United - "Racism is a Public Health Crisis":**

Forwarding correspondence from *National Nurses United* entitled, "Racism is a Public Health Crisis."

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

12. **(ID # 12756) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Correspondence regarding Office of Police Accountability (OPA) in Westchester County:**

Forwarding correspondence regarding an Office of Police Accountability (OPA) in Westchester County.

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

13. **(ID # 12757) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Correspondence from WesPac regarding Police Reform:**

Forwarding correspondence from WesPac regarding Police Reform.

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

14. **(ID # 12763) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Correspondence from New RoAr (New Rochelle Against Racism):**

Forwarding correspondence from New RoAr (New Rochelle Against Racism) regarding reallocating police budgets.

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

15. **(ID # 12785) Act – IMA-Prisoner Transportation-Yonkers:**

AN ACT authorizing the County to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Yonkers in order to provide reimbursement for prisoner transportation to the Westchester County Jail.

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED & FILED

16. **(ID # 13066) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Newsday Article - "Suffolk Police Stopped, Searched Minority Drivers at Higher Rates":**

Forwarding a *Newsday* article entitled, "Suffolk Police Stopped, Searched Minority Drivers at Higher Rates".

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

17. **(ID # 13069) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Correspondence - Westchester County Volunteer Fireman's Association:**

Forwarding correspondence received from Robert Fritsche, President of the Westchester County Volunteer Fireman's Association, regarding the position of Emergency Services Commissioner.

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

18. **(ID # 13070) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Justice Policy Institute Report on SRO's:**

Forwarding a report from the *Justice Policy Institute* entitled, "Education Under Arrest: The Case Against Police in Schools".

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

19. **(ID # 13090) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: AP Article - "Mental health workers to take lead in some NYC 911 calls":**

Forwarding an article from the *Associated Press* entitled, "Mental health workers to take lead in some NYC 911 calls"

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

20. **(ID # 13091)** **Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Various Articles re: The Power of Police Unions:**

Forwarding various articles regarding "The Power of Police Unions".

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Johnson the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Smith seconded by Legislator Johnson the Committee adjourned at 3:09 PM.