

Special Commission on Facial Recognition Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 15, 2021, at 11:00 A.M.
(Virtual Meeting)

Agenda:

- I. Introduction/Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes from 9.17.21 Meeting
- III. Status Update on Initial and Follow-Up Surveys
- IV. Review of Statutory Charge
- V. Open Discussion Amongst Commissioners
- VI. Discussion of Topics for Future Meetings
- VII. Schedule Next Meeting

Commissioners Present:

- Chair Day
- Chair Eldridge
- Commissioner Rogers
- Commissioner Woodward
- Commissioner Creem
- Commissioner Brooks
- Commissioner Rebello-Pradas
- Commissioner Farnsworth
- Commissioner Ogilvie
- Commissioner Learned-Miller
- Commissioner Cyr
- Commissioner Crockford
- Commissioner Spurlock
- Commissioner Verma
- Commissioner O’Keefe
- Commissioner Dyson
- Commissioner Gomez

Commissioners Absent:

- Commissioner Cordy
- Commissioner Hartzog
- Commissioner Nkonde
- Commissioner Conley

Chair Eldridge called the meeting to order, gave introductory remarks, and welcomed Major Mark Cyr, who is replacing Major Scott Range on the Commission.

The Commission reviewed the minutes circulated for the September 17, 2021, meeting. No comments or edits were made. Motion made by Chair Day, seconded by Commissioner O’Keefe, and unanimously approved by members present.

Chair Eldridge gave an update on responses to the initial and follow up surveys sent to law enforcement and prosecuting agencies regarding their use of facial recognition. The Commission read and reviewed the statutory charge.

The Commission then engaged in an open discussion regarding government use of facial recognition in the Commonwealth, including the use of facial recognition before Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020 (commonly referred to as “Police Reform Law”), facial recognition after Police Reform Law, the regulation of facial recognition in other jurisdictions, observations and concerns relative to the use of this technology, and recommendations for future use.

Chair Eldridge advised that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, November 19, 2021, at 11:00 am.

Chair Eldridge and Chair Day gave closing remarks and the meeting ended.