

Special Commission on Qualified Immunity Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 12, 2021, 11:00AM
(virtual meeting)

Agenda:

- I. Introduction/Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes from 10.22.21 Meeting
- III. Review of Statutory Charge
- IV. Continued Discussion of Possible Report Recommendations
- V. Discussion Regarding Drafting of Report
- VI. Schedule Next Meeting

Commissioners Present:

Chair Day
Chair Eldridge
Commissioner Straus
Commissioner Cyr
Commissioner Xiarhos
Commissioner Reddy
Commissioner Ryan
Commissioner Segal
Commissioner DeRensis
Commissioner Sweeney

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Peake
Commissioner Creem
Commissioner Tarr
Commissioner Espinoza-Madrigal

Chair Eldridge called the meeting to order and gave introductory remarks.

Chair Eldridge invited a motion to approve minutes circulated for the October 22, 2021, meeting. No comments or edits were made. Motion made by Commissioner DeRensis, seconded by Commissioner Xiarhos, and unanimously approved by members present.

The Commission began by reviewing the statutory charge for qualified immunity under Section 116(a) of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020.

Members then engaged in a robust discussion about possible commission recommendations, including preserving qualified immunity as it currently exists in Massachusetts, abolishing qualified immunity altogether, and making certain changes to the qualified immunity doctrine and/or the Massachusetts Civil Rights Act.

The Commission then discussed preliminary drafting of a report for review and discussion at the next meeting. Chair Eldridge advised that the next meeting will be held on Friday, December 10, 2021, at 11am. Chair Eldridge gave closing remarks and the meeting ended.