

Special Commission on Qualified Immunity
Friday, August 20, 2021, at 11:00 A.M.
(virtual meeting)

Commissioner Present:

- Chairman Eldridge
- Chairman Day
- Commissioner Peake
- Commissioner Straus
- Commissioner Creem
- Commissioner Xiarhos
- Commissioner Ryan
- Commissioner Segal
- Commissioner DeRensis
- Commissioner Espinoza-Madrigal
- Commissioner Sweeney

Commissioners Absent:

- Commissioner Cyr - Liz Ganz attended on behalf
- Commissioner Tarr
- Commissioner Reddy

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

Chair Day moved to accept the minutes circulated for the July 16, 2021, meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Xiarhos and unanimously approved by members present.

Chair Eldridge informed members that he and Chair Day discussed extending the report deadline of the Commission. Chair Eldridge asked for input and Commissioners offered comment.

Motion by Commissioner Peake to extend the report deadline of the Commission from September 30, 2021, to December 31, 2021. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved by members present.

Chair Eldridge began the public testimony portion of the meeting. Commissioners heard from various persons and organizations regarding the qualified immunity doctrine and its impact to the administration of justice in the Commonwealth.

Chair Eldridge noted that the next meeting would take place after Labor Day and would include presentations from Attorney Lenny Keston and Attorney Luke Ryan on their experiences with qualified immunity in the courtroom.

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