

Special Commission on Qualified Immunity Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 24, 2021, 11:00AM
(virtual meeting)

Agenda:

- I. Introduction/Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes from 9.10.21 Meeting
- III. Open Discussion Amongst Commissioners
- IV. Review of Statutory Charge
- V. Discussion of Topics for Future Meetings
- VI. Schedule Next Meeting

Commissioners Present:

Chair Day
Chair Eldridge
Commissioner Peake
Commissioner Straus
Commissioner Creem
Commissioner Xiarhos
Commissioner Reddy
Commissioner Cyr
Commissioner Ryan
Commissioner Segal
Commissioner DeRensis

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Espinoza-Madriral
Commissioner Sweeney
Commissioner Tarr

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

Chair Eldridge invited a motion to approve minutes circulated for the September 10, 2021, meeting. No comments or edits were made. Motion made by Chair Day, seconded by Commissioner Xiarhos, and unanimously approved by members present.

The commission began by reviewing its statutory charge in Section 116(a) of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020 (commonly referred to as "Police Reform Law").

The commission then moved on to an open discussion of qualified immunity in the Commonwealth, including the history of the doctrine, changes made under the recent Police Reform Law, legislation passed in other jurisdictions, the impact of qualified immunity to the administration of justice, and recommendations for the future of qualified immunity.

Chair Eldridge advised that the next meeting will take place on October 22, 2021, at 11 am.

Chair Eldridge gave closing remarks and welcomed a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was motioned by Commissioner Peake, seconded by Commissioner Segal, and unanimously approved by all members present. The meeting ended.