

**MEMORANDUM**  
**Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission**  
**Thursday, July 29th, 2021**

*Per IC 5-14-1.5-3.7, this meeting was conducted electronically via Zoom.*

This meeting called to order: 12:04 p.m.

**Commission members present via Zoom:** Nejla Routsong, Kamala Brown-Sparks, Alex Mann, Renee Miller, Arvind Jagdish

**Commission members absent:** Derek House, Matthew Diaz, Jon Wunrow, Nicole Johnson, Heather Lake

**City staff and officials present:** Stephen Lucas, Rebekka Boustani

INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NO QUORUM AT THIS MEETING

Agreement among commissioners present to move ahead with today's agenda and presentation without any official motions or actions.

INFORMAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 6/24 MEETING AND 7/22 WORK SESSION

DISCUSSION: commissioners who have now communicated their resignations (Lake, House, and Diaz), and of how to best advertise the resulting open seats we need to fill.

DISCUSSION: creation of google doc to start compiling potential questions for local law enforcement agencies (BPD, Monroe County Sheriff, etc.), how to define eventual jurisdiction of CAPS commission, and how to address the killing of Malik Ali Malik.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Routsong gave an overview of Alex Vitale's "The End of Policing" and confirmed his booking as the commission's next guest presenter, in August.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Miller led the discussion on bylaws templates and potential edits, alternate terms for "officer," and how best to achieve balance between necessary structure and unnecessary hierarchy in the CAPS commission's eventual bylaws and office appointments. Members of the commission acknowledged the time and work that Commissioner Brown-Sparks has already put in as interim Chair. Commissioner Routsong offered Sociocracy as an example of a non-hierarchical approach to structures.

PRESENTATION: Chris Richardson of the Mental Health Center of Denver explained the history and function of Denver's STAR program (Support Team Assisted Response), which deploys emergency response teams to engage individuals experiencing crises related to mental health issues, poverty, homelessness, and substance abuse as an alternative to dispatching law enforcement.

Q&A SESSION WITH CHRIS RICHARDSON

AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE Q&A PAST 2PM

DISCUSSION: hybrid vs. zoom-only for future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended: 2:15 p.m.

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