



Executive Committee

Wednesday, July 17th, 2019, 12:15pm
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Rm 609

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:	Maxine White, Niel Thoreson, Walter Lanier, Mary Jo Meyers, John Chisholm, Mike Hafemann, Willie Johnson, Jr., Chris Abele, Tom Reed, Tom Barrett
Delegates Present:	Ted Chisholm (on behalf of Earnell Lucas), Scott Brown (on behalf of Margaret Daun), Sheldyn Himle (on behalf of Judge Derek Mosley), Nick DeSiato (on behalf of Alfonso Morales)
Other Attendees:	Mark Mertens, Steven Johnson, Raisa Koltun, Brittney Grayson, Danielle Decker, Paige Styler, Paul Mozina, Mandy Potapenko, David Muhammad, Erin Perkins, Luann Anderson

- 1) Call to Order and Introductions** – Chair White called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. Those present proceeded to provide introductions.
- 2) Discussion and Vote: CJC Executive Committee Chair Position** – As discussed in previous meetings, per the CJC bylaws, the position of CJC Chair is limited to two, two-year terms.¹ In previous meetings, membership agreed to extend Chief Judge White's Chair position on a month-to-month basis to allow for transition planning and discussion amongst potential candidates.² Upon further review, it was discovered that due to a clause that explicitly excludes individuals from being eligible during the calendar year of their election cycle,³ the only person eligible for the CJC Chair position until 2021 is the Milwaukee County Sheriff. Due to a number of factors, Sheriff Lucas declines the opportunity to be Chair for the next two-year term. Due to this circumstance, the CJC Executive Committee agreed to make a one-time exception to the CJC bylaws and extend Chief Judge White's term as Chair through calendar year 2020. (Motion made by Walter Lanier, Seconded by Willie Johnson, Jr.).
- 3) Presentation and Discussion: Race, Equity and Procedural Justice Committee** – Judge Carl Ashley and Judge Mary Triggiano provided a historical overview of the formation of the Race, Equity and Procedural Justice Committee (formerly named the Equal Justice committee). Starting in 2014, the collaborative criminal justice stakeholder group focused on coordinating an annual convening of internal criminal justice professionals for an annual professional development conference focused on the intersection of race and the criminal justice system. The CJC Executive Committee has previously approved funding for this event, utilizing carryover CJC Byrne JAG funds in 2015 and 2016. Over the years, the scope of the committee has grown and each year's event feedback has improved. Judge Ashley asked that each committee member, particularly those in law enforcement and Department of Corrections, name a designee to the committee to ensure all perspectives are present at the table. Lastly, Judge Ashley noted the launch of the upcoming "Just-Us" (a play on justice) book club, which

¹ "Chairperson (and vice-chairperson) term shall be two years and run June 1 through May 31. The chairperson (and vice-chairperson) may serve two consecutive complete, uninterrupted terms of two years each. After serving two, consecutive, terms, no person is eligible to serve as chairperson or vice-chairperson for at least two years. Partial terms served to replace a former chairperson or vice-chairperson shall not be computed in this limit."

² Per current CJC bylaws, Chairperson shall be: City of Milwaukee Mayor, Milwaukee County Executive, County Board Chair, Chief Judge, Milwaukee County Sheriff or Milwaukee County District Attorney.

³ However, no elected official may serve as chairperson or vice-chairperson during the calendar year they are running for office and must temporarily vacate the office until after their election.



will be held on August 13, 2019. During committee discussion, John Chisholm noted his involvement in the national collaborative focused on racial equity in prosecutorial decision-making. John will share Milwaukee's outcomes at an upcoming meeting.

- 4) Requested Discussion: Human Trafficking/Prostitution Initiative(s)** – Director Potapenko reminded the group of Alderman Perez's concerns related to a coordinated criminal justice system approach to prostitution and human trafficking. Director Potapenko met with the DA's office last week and will be compiling current efforts into a report for a potential presentation and discussion at October Community Meeting of the Whole. Members noted there was also a recent presentation given at a City of Milwaukee Commission on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence meeting.
- 5) Standing Update: Act 185 (State) / Project Rise (Local)** – Mary Jo Meyers and David Muhammad provided an update to the committee on the revised proposal to the State. Handout distributed.
- 6) Director and Member Updates, Other Business, Future Agenda Items**
 - **Requested: Psych Crisis Redesign Update** – Mary Jo Meyers agreed to provide a comprehensive update on Milwaukee County's Psychiatric Crisis Redesign plan at an upcoming CJC Executive Committee meeting.
 - Director's Report Distributed. No other updates noted.
- 7) Adjourn** – meeting adjourned at 1:41pm. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2019, at 12:15pm in Room 609 of the Courthouse.