

MINUTES
PTRC Board of Delegates
August 18, 2021

Present

Marikay Abuzuaiter, City of Greensboro
Kelly Allen, Town of Haw River
Leroy Ault, Village of Tobaccoville (Z)
Kevin Austin, Yadkin County
Sam Bishop, Town of Elkin (Z)
Mary Cameron, Village of Clemmons (Z)
James Cardwell, Town of Mayodan
Darryl Carter, City of Eden (Z)
Carly Cooke, Guilford County (Z)
Rick Cross, Town of Bermuda Run
Monta Davis-Oliver, Town of Yadkinville (Z)
Lynne Devaney, Town of Summerfield (Z)
Lewis Dorsett, City of Archdale (Z)
Johnny Farmer, Town of Stoneville (Z)
David Fernandez, Town of Seagrove
Benita Finney, Davie County
Alvin Foster, Town of Yanceyville
Archie Hicks, Town of East Bend
Victor Jones, City of High Point (Z)
Peggy Leight, Town of Walkertown (Z)
Yvonne Maizland, Town of Gibsonville (Z)
George McClellan, Town of Oak Ridge
Rick McCraw, City of King
Davis Montgomery, Town of Elon (Z)
Dottie Robinson, Montgomery County (Z)
Naydine Sharpe, Village of Alamance
Tobin Shepherd, City of Lexington (Z)
Don Truell, Davidson County
Craig Turner, Alamance County (Z)
Larry Ward, Town of Denton (Z)
Steve Yokeley, City of Mount Airy (Z)
Filmore York, Town of Liberty
(Z) Denotes attendance via ZOOM

Absent

Dutch Anliker, Town of Biscoe
Wayne Atkins, Town of Dobson
Ian Baltutis, City of Burlington
Layton Booker, Town of Candor
Renee Bryant, City of Randleman

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Jim Butler, City of Burlington
John Byrum, Town of Midway
Vicki Caudle, Town of Ramseur
Perry Conner, Town of Franklinville
David Cox, Boonville
Anita Darnell, Town of Jonesville
Fleming El-Amin, Forsyth County
James Festerman, City of Reidsville
John Flynt, Town of Stokesdale
Fred Franklin, Town of Lewisville
Darrell Frye, Randolph County
Susan Gordon, Town of Rural Hall
Carissa Graves-Henry, Town of Green Level
Danny Hairston, Town of Walnut Cove
Nathaniel Hall, Caswell County
Ricky Hall, City of Graham
John Larson, City of Winston-Salem
John McDermon, Town of Rural Hall
Richard McNabb, City of Trinity
Chip Miller, Town of Mt. Gilead
Lynn Montgomery, Town of Jamestown
Howard Morgan, Town of Sedalia
Rick Morris, Stokes County
Scott Needham, Town of Pilot Mountain
Dennis Paschal, Town of Wentworth
Patty Phillips, City of Mebane
William Phillips, Town of Madison
Brenda Platt, Town of Madison
Damon Prince, Town of Troy
Terry Renegar, Davie County
Mark Richardson, Rockingham County
Randy Rogers, Town of Bethania
Karen Scotton, Town of Staley
David Smith, City of Asheboro
Carla Strickland, Town of Pleasant Garden
Chris Thompson, Town of Kernersville
Van Tucker, Surry County
Janet Whitt, Town of Danbury
Brian Williams, Town of Mocksville
Steve Yokeley, Town of Wallburg
Raleigh York, City of Thomasville

Chairman Kevin Austin welcomed the PTRC Board of Delegates and called the meeting to order at 12:00pm via Zoom and in person attendance. Mr. Austin welcomed Mayor Lewis Dorsett as the new delegate for Archdale. Chairman Austin requested a moment of silence and then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Presentation: NC Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice, Ms. Jasmine McGhee, Special Deputy Attorney General, Department of Public Safety

- a. Ms. Jasmine McGhee stated that the NC Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice (TREC) was formed to address systemic racism. This task force was formed through Executive Order 145 in June 2020.
- b. Black adults in the US are 5.9 times as likely to be incarcerated and twice as likely to be pulled over for a traffic stop as white adults. They are also more likely to be jailed before trial.
- c. TREC is comprised of a diverse cross section of leaders across NC that include advocates, elected officials, judges, prosecutors, public defenders and law enforcement.
- d. Six listening sessions to hear from community leaders and three two-hour public comment sessions were held to form the final report which can be found here: www.ncdoj.gov/trec
- e. Going forward there will be quarterly meetings, monthly implementation committee meetings, and TREC learning sessions. They came out of this process with a report of 125 recommendations which was released in December 2020.
- f. Some of the local policy recommendations for local law enforcement include: improving policing practices and revise use of force standards; reform investigations; and reinvesting in communities and strengthen community policing and reimagining public safety and reinvest in communities
- g. Local government recommendations include: promote local public safety and wellness solutions in schools and communities.
- h. Recommendations for court solutions include: reimagine public safety using restorative justice and equity for victims and survivors of crime; reduce school to prison pipeline and increase racial equity in the juvenile justice system; reduce the number of offenses in the criminal code; improve pre-trial release and bail practices; make criminal trials fairer; promote racially equitable prosecutorial practices; addressing sentencing and incarceration disparities; amend prison programming; and reduce collateral consequences of criminal convictions.
- i. Mr. Kevin Austin stated that the NCACC just passed a resolution supporting the work of Ms. McGhee's committee. The Public Steering Committee is working on recommendations for counties.
- j. Mr. Matt Reece asked about structured sentencing and the effects of flexibility being given to the bench. Ms. McGhee responded that this is an important and complex issue. The Commission is currently doing a study on this and recommendations will be forthcoming.
- k. Ms. Lynne DeVaney expressed her concerns about at risk children and how to redirect their behavior and opportunity. Ms. McGhee stated that there is huge power in youth diversion. Her committee would love to see every school have a School Justice Partnership. For a list of these partnerships you can visit and to see if your districts are participating: <https://www.nccourts.gov/programs/school-justice-partnership/sjps-in-north-carolina>

- I. Ms. McGhee also stated that something you can do right now. There is currently a bill to raise minimum age of juvenile jurisdiction. You can reach out to your representatives to express your support for this Senate Bill 207. NC has the lowest age of juvenile in the country.
- m. You can visit www.ncdoj.gov/trec to find the report, summary, and a chart with all recommendations.

2. Action Item: Request for Approval of June 16, 2021 PTRC Board of Delegates minutes, Mr. Kevin Austin, Chair

3. Consent Items, Mr. Kevin Austin, PTRC Chair

- a. Request for authorization to issue a contract addendum to Second Harvest Food Bank for CARES Act Nutrition Services in the amount of \$12,250 for Sept 1, 2020- Sept 30, 2021
- b. Request for authorization to issue a contract to Wake Forest Baptist Health for CARES Act Nutrition Services in the amount of \$28,650 for period Sept 1, 2020- Sept 30, 2021
- c. Request for authorization to amend contract with NCCHW to receive supplemental funding in the amount of \$22,395 for the period Sept 1, 2020- Sept 1, 2023
- d. Request for approval to apply for the HUD FY2021 Healthy Homes and Weatherization Cooperation Demonstration grant
- e. Request for approval of PTRDC Board Member appointment
- f. Request for approval of application and acceptance of the SBA Community Navigator up to \$250,000 split between 2021-2023
- g. Request for approval to submit and accept USDA Regional Food Systems Partnership grant
- h. Request for approval to contract with NCDOT on behalf of Mocksville and Walnut Cove for a total \$106,800
- i. Request for approval of NC Radar Study Proposal

4. Roll Call vote for the Abovementioned Consent Items a-i and Action Item 1

- a. A motion was made by Ms. Marikay Abuzuaiter.
- b. The motion was seconded by Mr. Don Truell.
- c. Roll call vote- *Ayes: Marikay Abuzuaiter, Kelly Allen, Kevin Austin, Sam Bishop, Mary Cameron, James Cardwell, Darryl Carter, Carly Cooke, Rick Cross, Monta Davis-Oliver, Lynne Devaney, Lewis Dorsett, Johnny Farmer, David Fernandez, Benita Finney, Alvin Foster, Archie Hicks, Victor Jones, Yvonne Maizland, George McClellan, Rick McCraw, Davis Montgomery, Naydine Sharpe, Tobin Shepherd, Don Truell, Craig Turner, Steve Yokeley and Filmore York.*
- d. Nays: *none*
- e. Action Items 1, Consent Items 3a-i were approved.

5. Executive Director's Report, Mr. Matt Reece, Assistant Director

- a. Mr. Reece announced that Matthew Dolge is attending NADO.
- b. The census has been released. That information is available on our website. If you have questions or need help, feel free to reach out to Anne Edwards. We appreciate her hard work on this.

6. Around the region

- a. Ms. Stephanie Blair, Representative from Senator Thom Tillis' office, announced that he Senate passed the Infrastructure package. This includes \$7.2billion for roads and highways, \$11million for public transportation, \$457million for bridge construction, \$440 for clean water, and \$100million for broadband. The Senate also passed the Budget Resolution. Legislative action is needed by the fall to keep us from defaulting on our debt. If you have any friends or family in Afghanistan, direct them to our offices so we can help. Also, when applying for EDA federal loans let us know so our senators can send support letters.
- b. Mr. Mike Fenley, Representative from Richard Burr's office, added that the House will return from recess after Labor Day. At this time they will take up the Infrastructure package and Budget Resolution.
- c. Mr. David Fernandez announced that they will be hosting the Randolph County Elected Officials gathering the first Tuesday in November.
- d. Mr. Homer Dearmin invited everyone to King Fest on October 2nd. There will be food, music and vendors.
- e. Ms. Marikay Abuzuaiter invited everyone to the NC Folk Festival in Greensboro September 10th-12th.
- f. Mr. Kevin Austin announced the Yadkin County Harvest Festival on September 11th.
- g. Mr. George McClellan invited everyone to RidgeFest September 9th-11th.
- h. Mr. Sam Bishop announced Surry County's 250th Anniversary celebration this Saturday. There will be music, food and a car show. On September 25th the Annual Pumpkin Festival will be in downtown Elkin.

Mr. Kevin Austin thanked everyone for their attendance. Now is the time to make your nominations for the Grady Hunter Regional Excellence and Randall Lake Billings Public Service Awards. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by general consensus at 12:55 pm.

Kevin Austin, PTRC Chair

Katie Mitchell, Clerk to the Board