

# COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE

## PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

11 February 2018

Present at the meeting were Community Oversight Task Force (COTF) members Marvin McKenstry (chair), Denise Duval (co-chair), Daniel Levine (secretary), Jeff Anderson, Ralph Hughes, Ray Kelly, Danielle Kushner, and Andrew Reinel.

Also present were:

- Keesha Ha
- Kimberly Lagree, StandUp Baltimore

### **I. Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00PM.

### **II. Replacement for Ed Jackson**

Marvin McKenstry asked all COTF members to make suggestions regarding possible candidates to replace Col. Jackson on the task force.

### **III. Extension of mandate**

Mr. McKenstry and Denise Duval confirmed that Judge Bedar had extended the COTF's mandate through 30 June 2018.

### **IV. Refinement of draft recommendations**

At the request of the Chair, Kimberly Lagree was present to facilitate a conversation on refining COTF's strategy and the recommendations to be made. This discussion involved both refining the substance of the recommendations and beginning to develop ideas for political and public engagement strategies, including both social media and town hall gatherings.

Through this discussion, the COTF settled on an overall goal/language of ensuring "independent and comprehensive" oversight of the police. The Task Force developed a high-level framework for recommendations including the following elements:

- a. Independent oversight
- b. Investigations
- c. Mediation
- d. Complaint process reform
- e. Auditing/monitoring
- f. Funding
- g. Diversity/equity/inclusion
- h. Policy review
- i. Training reform

All COTF members were asked to organize their individual proposals by these categories so that they could be refined, disagreements could be resolved, and gaps identified.

## **V. Public Statement**

In response to recent events, and as the draft recommendations were beginning to take shape, the COTF reaffirmed the desirability of making a public statement that would present a glimpse of the panel's current state of thinking. The task force began developing the language as a group, and Daniel Levine was charged with preparing a draft to be shared with the group before the 21 February meeting for review.

In addition, the COTF discussed releasing a framework document with preliminary recommendations by the end of March, if possible, to provide the basis for discussions in public forums and focus groups.

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM*