

Sanford “Sandy” Krasnoff Criminal Justice Council Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, May 25, 2021

1:00pm – 3:00pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Stevens called the meeting to order at 1:06

II. ROLL CALL

Brianna Rock*-Juvenile Court	City Attorney Sunni LeBeouf- City Attorney
Derwyn Bunton-Public Defender	Dr. Dwight McKenna- Coroner
LaKeasha Cooley-Office of Juvenile Justice	Gilbert Montañó – Central Administrator
Kenneth Dorsey-Citizen Representative	Clerk of Court Arthur Morrell – CDC Clerk of Court
Chief Shaun Ferguson-NOPD	Sayde Finkel*- City Council
Thelma French-Total Community Action	Terrie Guerrin - Councilmember Cyndi Nguyen
Keith Lampkin*-City Council	Commissioner Tenisha Stevens- Mayor’s Office
Jennifer Greer-Probation and Parole	Melanie Talia-New Orleans Police and Justice
Sheriff Marlin Gusman- Sheriff	Foundation
Judge Karen Herman- Criminal District Court	District Attorney Jason Williams-District Attorney
Ernest Johnson- Citizen Representative	Emily Wolff- Office of Youth and Families

*Designee

III. OPENING REMARKS

Commissioner Stevens thanked the council members for attending the meeting and introduced Kenneth Dorsey, Dean of Students at the Travis Hill School.

IV. CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 31ST, MEETING

Commissioner Stevens invited corrections to the minutes of the previous council meeting. As there were none she invited a motion to adopt the minutes. So moved by Thelma French and seconded by Melanie Thalia. The motion was approved by voice vote without public comment.

V. FY2020 JJDP Funding - \$71,621

Commissioner Stevens advised the council members concerning the allocation of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program grant in the amount of \$71,621. LCLE requires that these funds not be split among different organizations so that only one grant application could be funded. Here follows the list of applicant agencies and their programs:

- 1) Family Center of Hope – Evening Reporting Center
- 2) Orleans Parish District Attorney – Juvenile Diversion
- 3) Orleans Parish Juvenile Court – MELOW
- 4) Orleans Public Defenders – Comprehensive Representation for New Orleans Youth

Representatives of each agency gave presentations of four minutes on their respective programs and proposals. After the presentations were completed members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters. Commissioner Stevens invited a motion to suspend Robert’s Rules in order to facilitate a free discussion among the members. So moved by Melanie Talia and seconded by Thelma French, the motion was approved by voice vote. After a brief discussion a motion was proposed by Melanie Thalia and seconded by LaKeasha Cooley to allocate the funds to the Evening Reporting Center. Here follows the roll call vote.

Brianna Rock-Abstain	City Attorney Sunni LeBeouf-Yes
Derwyn Bunton-Abstain	Dr. Dwight McKenna-Yes
LaKeasha Cooley-Yes	Gilbert Montaño-Yes
Kenneth Dorsey-Yes	Sayde Finkel-Yes
Judge Sean Early-Absent	Clerk of Court Arthur Morrell-Yes
Chief Shaun Ferguson-Yes	Terrie Guerrin - Yes
Thelma French-Yes	Melanie Talia- Yes
Keith Lampkin-Yes	Charles West- Absent
Jennifer Greer-Yes	District Attorney Jason Williams- Abstain
Sheriff Marlin Gusman-Yes	Emily Wolff-Yes
Judge Karen Herman-Yes	
Ernest Johnson-Yes	

VI. CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE INDEX

Commissioner Stevens asked Nathaniel Weaver to present on the adoption of the Criminal Justice System Performance Index. Nathaniel explained the development of the original metrics

and the deferment of adoption to tailor the measures more directly to the strategic plan and the outlook for gathering data for these metrics following their adoption by the council.

VII. COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

No updates were shared.

VIII. CLOSING REMARKS/ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stevens thanked the members for attending the meeting and sought a motion to adjourn. So moved by Melanie Thalia and seconded by Thelma French, the motion was immediately adopted by voice vote.