



**Also sits as the Public Safety Coordinating Council and
Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse Planning Council**

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 3, 2021; 12:00 PM

- M I N U T E S -

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Douglas Duncan, Chair, Roth and Duncan, P.A.
Ted Booras, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Sherri Collins, Administrative Judge, County Court, 15th Judicial Circuit
Glenny Cueto, Professional Probation Services, Inc.
Caitlin Fehrs, Coalition for Independent Living Options
Latronda Hayes, Court Services
Tommy Richards, Palm Beach County Bail Agent Association
Alfonso Starling, Vice-Chair, Colonel, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
David H. Talley, PBC CareerSource
Craig Williams, Office of the State Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Burton, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Cheryl Caracuzzo, Administrative Judge, Criminal Court, 15th Judicial Circuit
Daniel Eisinger, Public Defender's Office
Michelle Johns, Florida Department of Corrections
Dave Kerner, Commissioner, Palm Beach County
Alton Taylor, Drug Abuse Foundation
Louis Tomeo, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller

GUESTS PRESENT:

Michelle Cruz, County Administration
Colleen Farnsworth, DCF Legal
Mark Freeman,
Andrea Rocha, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller – *for Louis Tomeo*
J. Snowden, Public Defender's Office
John Viola, Palm Beach County Bail Agent Association

CJC STAFF PRESENT:

Regenia Herring, Executive Director
Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager
Rosalind Murray, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst

I. Welcome and Opening Comments, *Chairman Douglas Duncan*

II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Attendees signed in the chat box in lieu of roll call and introductions of guests.

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Agenda was approved without changes.

IV. Approval of October 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2021 minutes were approved without amendments.

V. Old Business

Bond Forfeiture Review: Update – Andrea Rocha, Manager, Clerk and Comptroller's Office & Damir Kucec, Research and Planning Manager, Criminal Justice Commission

Chair Duncan provided a background on the issue regarding bail bond forfeitures as raised by Palm Beach County Mayor Dave Kerner at the August 9, 2021 Criminal Justice Executive Committee meeting regarding the utilization of bail bonds and people remaining in jail for low-level offenses because they cannot afford the bail bonds; Mayor Kerner further raised a question regarding the reason by the court for setting aside forfeiture. This committee was tasked to look into how often is a bond forfeiture ordered, how many of those forfeitures are set aside, and the reasons for both the forfeiture and setting aside of the forfeiture. Chair Duncan asked CJC staff to work with the Clerk's Office in clarifying this issue. Mr. Damir Kucec noted that he had been working with the Clerk's Office to look at their data. Ms. Andrea Rocha from the Clerk and Comptroller's Office presented and discussed a summary of the bond forfeiture process, including the appropriate statutory requirements, and answered questions regarding the issue. Mr. John Viola asserted that decision for reversing bond forfeitures are essentially statutorily determined. Chair Duncan commented the importance of looking at the data in clarifying the issues raised during the discussions. Chair Duncan also requested Ms. Rocha for information in terms of FTAs that are on SOR or other type of releases vs. due to bail bonds, an issue also raised at the August CJC Executive Committee meeting.

VI. New Business

No new business

VII. Reports

A. Jail Population and In-House Arrest, *Colonel Alfonso Starling, PBSO*

Col. Starling reported their total population as of that morning was 1,860. The breakdown for the month was: 1,254 blacks; 953 whites. In-house arrest was 183: 132 adults; 6 juveniles; 46 county sentenced; 5 Probation. Pay n Go for October was 149. Individuals awaiting transport to prison was 119; individuals in custody for another jurisdiction was 16 for another county, and 9 for the state.

B. Pretrial Services, *Latronda Hayes, Palm Beach County Justice Services*

Ms. Latronda Hayes had to leave the meeting early so did not personally presented a report, but Mr. Duncan referred the committee to their October report included in the packet.

C. Juvenile Detention Center, *Major John Johnson, Dept. of Juvenile Justice*

No report was presented.

D. Misdemeanor Probation, *Glenny Cueto, Professional Probation Services*

No report was presented, but their October report was included in the meeting packet. .

E. Felony Probation, *Michelle Johns, Florida Department of Corrections*

No report was presented.

VIII. Additional Comments

Ms. Rosalind Murray stated it is important to show at least the larger racial category breakdown (white, black, Hispanic) and requested it be included in all reports as much as possible. Chair Duncan concurred, and Ms. Herring added that it is always the goal and that it is a work in progress.

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 12:00 PM.