

**Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** June 3, 2020 – 5:15 PM  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing (646) 558-8656  
Meeting ID: 938 6742 3553  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairwoman Eve Walter  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Parete  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Bartels, Clerk of the Legislature Fabella, Sheriff Figueroa – UC Sheriff's Office

Chairwoman Walter called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM.

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**Motion No. 1:** Moved to **APPROVE** the Minutes & Transcript of the May 6, 2020 meeting

**Motion By:** Legislator Haynes  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Heppner

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Minutes **APPROVED**

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Resolutions for the June 16, 2020 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 216:** Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As A School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with the Ulster County BOCES to provide a Deputy Sheriff to serve as a School Resource Officer in an amount not less than \$51,174.14 for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**Resolution No. 217:** Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Onteora Central School District To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with the Onteora Central School District to provide a Deputy Sheriff to serve as a School Resource Officer in an amount not less than \$97,018.20 for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**Resolution No. 218:** Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Rondout Valley Central School District To Provide Two Deputy Sheriffs As School Resource Officers – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with the Rondout Valley Central School District to provide two Deputy Sheriffs to serve as a School Resource Officer in an amount not less than \$194,036.40 for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**Motion No. 2:** **Moved TO BLOCK Resolution Nos. 216, 217 & 218**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolutions BLOCKED**

**Motion No. 3:** **Moved Blocked Resolutions FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Motion No. 4:** **Moved TO ADOPT BLOCKED RESOLUTIONS**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Heppner

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 219:** Establishing Capital Project No. 571 – Sheriff Live Scan Upgrade – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution establishes Capital Project 571 - Live Scan Upgrade in the amount of \$125,000 for the purpose of purchasing “Live Scan” equipment with up to \$70,000.00 reimbursed by NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and \$55,000 as the County share.

**Resolution No. 221:** Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services - Project Live Scan - Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chair to execute an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the a Live Scan Grant in the amount of \$ 70,000.00, for the period beginning April 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

**Motion No. 5:** **Moved TO BLOCK Resolution Nos. 219 & 221**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolutions BLOCKED**

**Motion No. 6:** **Moved Blocked Resolutions FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 229:** Urging The Ulster County Sheriff To Implement A Policy Requiring All New Inmates At The Ulster County Jail Be Tested For COVID-19

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution urges the Ulster County Sheriff to implement a policy mandating that all new inmates of the Ulster County Jail be tested for the COVID-19 virus during their intake and processing into the Jail, as well as a policy requiring regular testing of all employees working at the Ulster County Jail.

**Motion No. 7:** **Moved Resolution No. 229 FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes  
**Discussion:** See attached transcript  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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Chairwoman Walter updated the members on the Criminal Justice Reform Task Force.

See attached transcript.

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New Business

Discussion: Policies and procedures regarding use of force, de-escalation, and hearing and responding to complaints of officer behavior.

See attached transcript.

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### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Heppner  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 5:42 PM

**Respectfully submitted: Deputy Clerk Mahler & Confidential Secretary Lichtenstein (transcript)**  
**Minutes Approved: July 8, 2020**

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**Chairwoman Walter:** There might be other people who want to join, but I'm going to take advantage and start right now. Because again, we do have a time constraint. There's the event happening in Kingston right now. Is that okay with everybody?

**Legislator Fabiano:** Fine

**Chairwoman Walter:** Okay, so, I'm going to call the meeting to order. A motion to approve the May 6 meeting minutes and transcripts?

**Legislator Haynes:** I'll make that motion, Heidi.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Second? Jonathan?

**Legislator Heppner:** I'll second it.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Okay. All in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye

**Chairwoman Walter:** Opposed? Abstain?

**Chairwoman Walter:** Okay. The first thing we have is Resolutions 216, 217 and 218 are all for SROs. Does anyone, Jonathan?

**Legislator Heppner:** I will make a motion to block those three resolutions.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Okay, is there a second for that?

**Legislator Haynes:** I'll second it, Heidi.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Okay, all in favor?

**Legislator Fabiano:** Eve, I only had one question.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Sure.

**Legislator Fabiano:** For the one for the Rondout Valley Central School District, was there always two Resource Officers there, or is this is the first time?

**Legislator Haynes:** Yes.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** Always two.

**Legislator Fabiano:** Okay.

**Legislator Fabiano:** I'll second it to block them.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Okay. Tracy, did you want to ask something? You're on mute.

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll wait till you block them.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Okay. So, all in favor of blocking?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Oppose.? Abstain?

All right. So, before I move on that, motion to discuss?

**Legislator Fabiano:** I'll move it.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Second.

**Legislator Haynes:** Second, Heidi.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Heidi Second. Okay. Discussion. Go ahead, Tracey.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay, I'll just be quick because I know the Sheriff needs to leave. When this has come up in years past, I always raise the question about, I know that we get reimbursed for the officers' pay. But that in terms of resources, that we use cars, that a lot of these officers have vehicles, police vehicles. So, I just would like to ask that you take a look at that in the time of this budget crisis. If that is something that we could do.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** It appears that we're not going to be purchasing any cars this year. So, we are revamping how... We've set a guideline on how we're going to do that. But we are working on that.

**Legislator Bartels:** And that might be a place to look at.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** Right.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you.

**Chairwoman Walter:** I also want to add, based on conversations in the Task Force, the Criminal Justice Task Force, that they're... every effort to get the SROs to be involved in the Restorative Justice Program that's through Family of

Woodstock in the Department of Probation. Since every school is not involved, we're hoping that we can use the SROs to get more schools involved. So, if that information could get passed on to them, that would be great.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** I will pass on that information.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Perfect.

Okay, a motion to approve Resolutions 216, 217 and 218?

**Legislator Fabiano:** I'll make it.

**Chairwoman Walter:** All right, I think Dean beat you there.

**Legislator Heppner:** I'll second.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Jonathan seconds.

**Chairwoman Walter:** All in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Opposed? Abstain?

Okay, perfect. Next we have Resolutions 219 and 221. Does anyone make a motion to block those as well?

**Legislator Heppner:** I'll make a motion to block.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Okay, second?

**Legislator Haynes:** Seconded. Heidi.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Okay. All in favor blocking?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Opposed? Abstain?

Okay. Motion to discuss?

**Legislator Heppner:** I'll move to discuss the block.

**Legislator Fabiano:** I'll second it, yes.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Second? Dean? Okay.

All right. All in favor discussion?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Yeah. Okay. So, I had something, I'll wait, if anyone else does. Does anyone have anything? Any comments or concerns about that?

**Legislator Fabiano:** I only have one question. How often is the Sheriff [inaudible] Live Scan upgraded? Once a year? Every five years? How long? How often does it have to be upgraded?

**Sheriff Figueroa:** Yes. So, I will get the actual answer. But I know that this system is at least five years old and it reached its end of life. And the State of New York DCJS (Division of Criminal Justice Services) has given us a \$70,000 grant.

**Legislator Fabiano:** Yeah. I see that.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** And so, if we don't do it, and the system goes down... Live Scan is used for fingerprints, criminal histories. Every arrest that comes to the Jail, everyone has to get Live Scanned. DCJS records, all those criminal histories go to judges when these individuals go to court. And they're also utilized for the purposes of identification. If folks say there one person or another, and have no identification on them, they have to get Live Scanned. If that system were to go down, it'll cripple Law Enforcement in the County. We also have local police departments that do not have Live Scan, that use our Live Scans, like Shandaken, Rosendale, and Olive, to name a few.

**Legislator Fabiano:** Thank you.

**Chairwoman Walter:** So, I don't know if I'm just confused. But on page 34. I keep seeing these numbers that don't quite make sense to me, and I don't know. So, we have the that the project originally was amount of \$175,000. Then we have that \$70K was going to be reimbursed by DCJS. Then it said the County share will be \$55K. Therefore it's \$125K.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** That's correct.

**Chairwoman Walter:** But then, I'm sorry.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** Just to explain the numbers. We had to reduce the numbers. A lot of that was training-based. And we're going to use our tech people to train us. So, that's why that number was initially \$175K.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Right? I get that. So, then, it was \$175K. I mean, it doesn't explain that. But thank you for that explanation. It didn't quite say where the other \$50K went. But then when you go to the next page, it says \$125K, \$70K, \$55K, which is \$250,000.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** That's the number, \$125K. That's the number

**Chairwoman Walter:** So, the \$70K and \$55K are supposed to add up to the \$125K?

**Sheriff Figueroa:** Correct.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Because it looks like it's three separate things.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** Yeah, no. It's not. Those two numbers should total the \$125K.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Okay, and then the other thing that confused me is then when you look at the Capital Improvement invoice, it goes back to \$175K.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** And that's because they probably didn't correct it. We had to change that last minute. This Resolution has to be approved in June. Because it's got to be invoiced before the end of June, and it had to go through the Legislature.



**Chairwoman Walter:** Right. And then the only other one was that then, the grant said it was a 50/50 match, whereas \$140K, and they're giving \$70K. So, it's just a lot of numbers.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** We are going to get \$70K. We had to change the numbers because, obviously, the budget crunch that we're under. We did away with the training, and we are going to use our in-house tech folks to install.

**Chairwoman Walter:** So, the bottom line is it is \$125K. Theirs will be \$70K, we're paying \$55K.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** That is correct.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Okay, I don't think that necessarily reads exactly like that. But we can, when we have a little more time maybe before Ways and Means, we can just make sure that that's all perfect. Unless anyone else has... I mean, we ...the point is there, it's just I don't know if it's so clear on that.

Okay, a motion... Sorry. All in favor of Resolutions 219 and 221.

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Opposed? Abstain?

I was not raising my hand for opposed, I was just delayed. Okay, so that's all.

The next one we have is Resolution number 229, urging the Ulster County Sheriff to implement the policy for inmates. So, I know that Tracey's here.

I'm sorry, motion to discuss. Jonathan. Second, Heidi.

Okay. So, Tracey has talked to Juan quite a bit. Juan to Tracey, to other people. So, we'll try to keep this part of the conversation brief, of just sort of anything outstanding, that Tracey, you feel you want to add, or if any other person wants to bring up.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay, if I can start. So., I mean, I think I've spoken to most of you and I've certainly I've spoken with Sheriff about this over a period of time. I've also spoken to the Executive's Office, not to the Executive, on the subject.

You know, we all know that prisons and jails are among the three sided hotspots nationwide due to density and the fact that there is not a lot of movement. I think the Sheriff has done a remarkable job, thus far, containing the risk by isolating new prisoners.

But, you know, we test every new inmate for tuberculosis. And I think it just makes sense, for safety. I mean, here we are in a pandemic, and we're having our meeting on Zoom. And we wear our masks in public. And we're testing inmates for tuberculosis, but not for this. And I think logic prevails. Everyone agrees it's a good idea.

The reason I decided to bring it forward as a memorializing, is to put it in the hands of the Sheriff. To say that we're urging the Sheriff to test, to create a policy mandating the testing of all new inmates. And also, that we're urging Sheriff to implement a policy for the testing of our employees. Because obviously, the safety and security of our COs is critically important, as well.

I understand that there may be costs associated with this policy. And I would expect that, as the Sheriff puts together a policy, and comes back to us... that he will come back to us if there are costs that can't be contained in his budget. That's just something I think that we need do.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** And so, I did have a discussion with the Vice Chair in regard to the testing of inmates and the folks at the jail. The issue, of course, is that the costs is not budgeted for. Prime Care is our vendor. And it's not in the budget for that, nor was it part of the contract. So, we would have to go back and readjust the contract. I am in conversations with them to make that happen.

I just want to be clear that policy is done by the convening authority, and that is the Sheriff. And I am the elected Sheriff for four years. I am not opposed to this. I think it's good. I think it's a great, and I'm going to work on this. But the policy comes from my Office. And I will be the one to... I don't want it to start where the Legislature is doing policy for the Sheriff. It's not done anywhere else in the State. And I don't want to start precedence.

With that said, though, I will say that I agree that, at least the new inmates, in the in the beginning process, we're going to try and get them COVID tested.

If there was an issue here, I absolutely don't want that, but I'm also, you know, we were also, like Tracey had said, have to be smart enough to look at what's going to happen in the Fall. And that really is pertinent here. With the virus probably making a second stand. So, I will continue to pursue to get that done.

And I will come back to the Legislature to let you know what I've done in regards to a policy because I think it's a really is a good idea.

My only concern is the cost. I don't think I can force our employees do it. If I tell them to do it, then we're going to have to pay for it. I know they have their own insurance. Some do, some do not. And even though there are some locations that are free, I just don't know of any other organization that will order their employees to take a medical test without the employer paying for it.

So, if there's any cost, obviously, if I can get it for free. And I can make a deal with Walgreens, I'm going to do it. I am. I am going to work those. I am going to look into that I am going to contact these folks, and I'll have an answer for you, hopefully, at the next meeting. And I'll be in contact with the Chair.

**Chairwoman Walter:** I mean, my own reading of it, personally, is that what the resolution is asking is that not that the Legislature makes the policy, but that your Office, in fact does make the policy. So, I think that that fits along with what you're saying.

And I also think that, as Tracey had brought up, if you find you have a budget and you don't see how you're going to support it, then it becomes our responsibility to figure that part out. And so, that's where the partnership goes.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** I'm on board with that. But I am going to pursue, obviously, the least expensive way. And I will initially ask the employees to do it. And I want them to let me know when they do it. And if they have to do it again, because there are some locations, you know, you may have to do the COVID test now and then again in the fall, you might have to do it twice. And so, I am looking at that. I really do believe the intent is to make sure that everybody is safe here. And I commend the Vice Chair for bringing it up because I do agree with it. My only concern is of course, the cost, if there is any cost.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Okay, Tracey, did you want to say something more?

**Legislator Bartels:** Yeah, I wanted to also say that I think, I mean I haven't written it up yet, but I think we really should be, through another memorializing resolution, and then through active outreach, reaching out to our representatives at the State. I know we're at the end of the budget cycle, I believe.

But, you know, I just think there's a real disconnect. You know, we're heading into Phase Two. And my understanding is that hairstylists, you know, are going to be required to take a test every two weeks. And here we have COs going on the frontlines, going into a confined space where people can't get out. And there is no requirement or support for

them being tested. We have nursing home workers who have to be tested, I believe it's twice a week. So, I think the State is behind the curve on this, which is just why I wanted to get it on record.

And I appreciate everything the Sheriff's doing, which is why I didn't write a policy overstepping our bounds. Which is why I just wrote a resolution saying that we urge there to be a policy. But Eve, I think you said it perfectly that, you know, this is a partnership. And if the if budget constraints come, then you'll have to come back to us, but I really believe this is something we need to be doing.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Jonathan. You're muted.

**Legislator Heppner:** Sorry about that. I was just curious, Sheriff, and again, thank you for your time tonight. As you know, the State is reopening. And, you know, the phases are being updated in terms of guidelines. We haven't actually heard much about guidelines. I don't know if you are getting guidelines from DOCS, or wherever. But, as you know, we enter, possibly, Phase Two coming up. In terms of your own instituted policy at the Jail, in terms of outside visitors and such. I'm just curious what your thoughts are in terms of your own policy with that.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** So, and I appreciate that question. I am going to, and we have already had discussions on how we're going to reinstitute visits. I'm also going to look to see when hospitals and nursing homes, reinstitute their visits. But there'll be safeguards in place, similar to what we have now, when you enter the building. Temperature checks and some sort of separation for the time being, when we do have these visitations.

I will add that we are getting the tablets and I'm hoping the next time that I speak to you that these tablets will be up and running and they'll be able to... the population will be able to speak to their family on Facetime. And so, that's a good thing. We're still giving them money. It's \$5 a week that we get them for phone calls. That is going to continue until visitations open up.

And of course, we're looking into how we can make sure that everybody that comes in visits is COVID free. We definitely don't want to start that.

But I think in combination with the Resolution that the Vice Chair has submitted, I think that's going to be part of that entire policy with the new visitation. So, that's why I'm not, I'm definitely not opposed against the Resolution 229 because it does kind of coincide with what we need to do here. And with the upcoming Fall, and the second stand is coming, that people were saying, coming of COVID-19.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Dean, is your hand up?

**Legislator Fabiano:** No, I'm sorry, No. I'm good.

**Chairwoman Walter:** John.

**Legislator Parete:** Yes, this is very interesting. You know, some of you know, that I just abhor memorializing resolutions. But this is different. This is like an in-house conversation with our duly, constitutionally elected sheriff, that we have concerns. And if this passes, the Sheriff can dovetail on what his concern, and know that there are people also supporting his efforts. There you go.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** That was a Jail Superintendent.

**Legislator Parete:** Yeah. But I mean, so this is different. This, the honorable Tracey can call it a memorializing resolution, I call it a little different and it's a good one. It's a real legitimate concern. I did have a question, but it's premature. And when the time comes to ask, if it moves forward and the Sheriff agrees, what happens if... I'm sure I don't have to ask that question because I think the guy with the six stripes on either one of his colleagues will have the answers for us. So, I do think this is a very good idea, especially now, and it's the right thing to do for everyone.

**Chairwoman Walter:** All right. So, that's a good segue. All in favor

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Opposed?

**Legislator Parete:** Yep. Yep.

**Chairwoman Walter:** So, you're in favor, right, John?

**Legislator Parete:** Yes, ma'am. I thought... Yes. Maybe I just nodded.

**Chairwoman Walter:** I said the word opposed. Okay, abstain?

Okay, everybody. One last item. So, I'm not going to do a full Criminal Justice Reform update right now if that's okay with everybody because of the lack of time. It is moving along really well. Well, I'll say very briefly, that the main thing they're working on is to identify with the new bail reforms and discovery reforms, the reform of the reforms, to come to us--Probation, DA, Sheriff, Public Defenders-- and tell us sort of what's working better and what's still a problem. So, hopefully at the next meeting, we'll be talking about that.

Also, the segue into why Juan and others might need to go. So, I just want to say very briefly, in light of the situation that's going on with the protests and the repeated awareness of issues related to troubles between Law Enforcement and individuals of color across our country, I have talked to the Sheriff and others, about really trying to understand what we're already doing to prevent this kind of stuff. And I'm committed to an effort to make sure that we have the system in place that doesn't allow this kind of thing to happen here.

And so with that, the better place for this conversation, in more detail, will be that Criminal Justice Task Force because other people can really be sitting at the table, including people from Citizen Action and community members, as well as people in Law Enforcement and Legislators. So, I'm letting you all know that that's going to be on our agenda, and will continue to be on our agenda for a while with that task force. We're right now working on a new time and date or I would give you one right now. We're trying to... for Legislator Ronk it's a little challenging for him in the middle of the day. So we're working on that.

But anyone who's really interested in really getting into the dirty about this and identifying, again, what we're doing to prevent this, and what we could do in our county, in our city, and in our towns, and that's going to be a conversation that we're going to do more in the taskforce. Again, I'll report it back here, as well. Any comments, or questions, or discussion related to these issues? Yes, Sheriff.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** Just because I really have to leave, my apologies. We were out late last night in the Town of Lloyd because of Poughkeepsie, and closing the bridge. But real quick, on your new business, which I'm sure we're going to get to in the future. The Sheriff's Office instituted and produced a new policy. Once we sent that Detective Lieutenant that's in charge of Internal Affairs, and the part-time investigator, a retired State Police member. Once they got trained, and they got back, we revamped the entire Internal Affairs policies and procedures, which I sent a copy of, to include a form that's going to be placed on the website. Because of COVID-19 and what is going on now, we haven't put that form on the website. But I did email that, as well. But the policies address a lot of concerns. And the revamped policy is a good policy. And we'll get to that at some point. But I just wanted to say that that was in back in March.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Thank you. Yeah. I mean, there are several elements related to this, including de-escalation, how complaints are being handled. There's also some movement to get legislation on the State level. That... a lot happening with this right now. I want the Sheriff to feel free to be able to go. I'm happy to talk more about it here if

people want to. I just wanted to... I know he was supposed to be at that at five o'clock. So, Sheriff, I think you should go.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** Thank you very much, everyone.

**Legislator Heppner:** Thank you, Sheriff.

**Legislator Haynes:** Be safe. Thank you.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Thank you.

**Legislator Parete:** Have a good one.

**Sheriff Figueroa:** Thanks.

**Chairwoman Walter:** So, before we adjourn, is there anything else anybody wants to ask or bring up related to this? Yes, Jonathan.

**Legislator Heppner:** Thank you, Chairwoman. You likely already had this plan. But I would just ask that for this committee, that this item stays on new business going forward. So, as you know, we continue to listen, educate, and engage with different groups and different organizations, that we can continue, you know, to have the space in this meeting to have, you know, any relevant conversation about it.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Oh, yeah, yeah. Actually, I will go one further that, I will assure you, there'll be some policies, or some resolutions, that are going to be put forward to address this. You know, I think there's a lot. I am appreciative of the work that the Sheriff has done. There's a lot more we can do. And, you know, we have an experience from a city that felt it was highly ahead of the game, and it wasn't. And so, I think there's a bunch of issues that it kind of feels like what can we do, as a County Legislature? But there is there's a lot of things that we could do. There's a lot of things we can't, that have to be done on a State, or Federal, or even more of a town level. But there are things we could do. So, I promise you, this will not go away.

All right. Any other discussion related to that?

Any old business? I'll take a motion to adjourn.

**Legislator Fabiano:** I'll move it.

**Legislator Heppner:** Second.

**Chairwoman Walter:** All in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Opposed? Abstain? All right. Thank you all.

**Legislator Fabiano:** Thank you.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you.