

City of Boulder

Police Oversight Task Force Meeting Notes

6/6/19

Check-in: Task Force Members shared a “win or wow” from the past 30 days

One addition was made to the working principles: “When the going gets rough, turn to wonder.”

Reflections:

- Consensus decision making
- Deeply moved by public input

Creating a Collective Vision

- Task Force reviewed their purpose as defined in the charter
- Task Force members divided into four groups to conduct a visioning exercise
 - The small groups addressed the following questions:
 - How would you describe the purpose of the Task Force?
 - What do you believe are the most important parts of a vision for the Task Force?
 - What is the value the Task Force provides to the community, city, and police?
 - What are the unique strengths of the task force?
 - Based on the many responses to the four questions, each Task Force member identified the 3 words or phrases they found most important.
 - In four small groups, Task Force members drafted four possible vision statements.
 - Based on the four vision statements, a group of four members was identified to draft a single statement—Shawn Rae Passalacqua, Todd Conklin, Michelle Denae, and Michele Simpson. The single vision statement will be due to Aimee Kane before June 20.

Decision Making Process

- In groups of two, Task Force members discussed pros and cons of four decision-making processes: majority, supermajority, consensus, and unanimous consent.
- Following a full group discussion of the possible processes, majority is the recommended option, some team members expressed a desire to continue the conversation on June 20th.

Expectations

- Stay on track toward a timely recommendation to Council.
- Come prepared to work.
- Measure possible decisions against the lived experiences.
- Facilitator hold the Task Force accountable for their agreements.
- Don't over-privilege one group over another.
- Ideas should be followed by actions, and all should do their homework.
- Staff recognizes a possible lack of trust with the city, and shared that they are here to serve the committee and community first and foremost.

- Task Force members should meet the commitments they make or communicate that they cannot.
- Have some fun!

June 20 Agenda

- Review vision statement drafted by Shawn Rae, Todd, Michelle, and Michele.
- Share information about Boulder United Against Racism as a resource.
- Discuss city budget—across all funds, how is money allocated by department.
- Discussion of board models and what a preferred model would be—Read documents distributed prior to the meeting.
- Discussion of potential budget impact of future oversight committee.
- Education on how current police processes work.
- Possibility for ranking choices rather than “either-or” decision making.

Request: Shared file location for the task force. Currently, this platform is the equity website <https://bouldercolorado.gov/city-manager/racial-equity>.

Public Comment

- Make sure that this oversight board is not superficial but impactful. Simple majority is not ideal, consider ranked choice voting.
- Recommend as decisions are being made, take a straw vote, followed by discussion prior to an official vote.
- Recommend that police complaints do not first go through police officers.
- Ensure materials that go to the Task Force are shared with the public.
- Develop a procedure that can better identify racial profiling.
- Stories are important.