

Meeting Minutes - Local Control Advisory Board Meeting - Wednesday, 10/27/21

Members in Attendance:

Mayor Scott, Senator Cory McCray, Delegate Stephanie Smith, Police Commissioner Michael Harrison, Andy Smullian, Shantay Jackson, Dana Moore, Council President Nick Mosby, Nikki Thompson, Jim Shea, Tyler Salley, Mark Washington, Ray Kelly, Caylin Young, Robert Cherry, Lisa Robinson, Ashiah Parker, Lydia Walther Rodriguez, Tyler Adamson

Members Absent:

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Meeting Started: 5:30PM

- I. Welcome and Introductions**
 - A. Mayor Scott provided opening remarks.
 - B. Local Control Advisory Board members provided introductions.
- II. Review Charge of Advisory Board**
 - A. The Advisory Board shall study the potential issues related to the transfer of control of the Police Department of Baltimore City from the State to the City.
 - B. Reporting - On or before December 1, 2021 and on or before December 1, 2022.
- III. Setting the Stage for Next Steps**
 - A. Will discuss who will chair this body at the next meeting.
 - B. Staff to the Committee: Natasha Mehu, Stefanie Mavronis, Elise Gillespie, Lisa Walden.
- IV. Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates**
 - A. Each meeting is budgeted for two hours and will take place on WebEx.
 - B. Dates - Monday 11/8 at 5:30PM; Tuesday, 12/28 at 5:30PM.
- V. Questions/Comments**
 - A. The Mayor opened discussion on the following questions to help guide key topics for discussion at future meetings:
 1. What do you want to see accomplished by this board?
 2. Are there particular issues that are important to you to be addressed?
 3. Are there particular speakers it would be helpful to hear from for future meetings?
 - B. Dana Moore - Want to hear the voices we don't often hear from, as the more vocal people. Recognizing what the general public wants. Hearing from community associations, as well as residents who don't always speak out.
 - C. Ray Kelly - Need to be intentional about the education piece so people are aware and informed about this process. We're on a tight timeline to get on the ballot. What are the plans the City is making? Want to present an administrative construct proposal on what this will actually look like before we meet that second report.
 - D. Ashiah Parker - Very important for the community to be aware and educated. Question posed about whether we need signatures.
 - E. Mayor Scott - We want this Board to make recommendations to the Council to get on the ballot through that process.

- F. Lydia Walther-Rodriguez - Major need for community engagement. Want feedback from all voices, community voices and lessons learned from St. Louis, as it relates to implementation, different types of local control. Resident voice should be included early.
- G. Council President - Excited to work with the team and support.
- H. Lisa Robinson - Most interested in ensuring that we work objective accountability into this plan as we make the transition. We do need to hear from the Consent Decree Implementation Team, as well as members of BPD. We want to ensure objectivity in terms of internal affairs investigations.
- I. Robert Cherry - Here on behalf of the FOP. There are a lot of new officers who love Baltimore and BPD. We need to come together. This is going to be a reality.
- J. Mark Washington - Need a reasoned approach. Need to come together, community and BPD, to accomplish something that is long overdue.
- K. Caylin Young - Happy to finally work on this, long time coming. We have a lot of issues to tackle.
- L. Shantay Jackson - Extremely important that we demonstrate an unprecedented level of transparency for the community associated with seen and unforeseen consequences of local control.
- M. Michael Harrison - Agrees with everyone. Want to draw clear lines of what local control is and what it is not, before we push it out to the community.
- N. Jim Shea - Focus will be on getting it right. Will be looking at consent decree, what General Assembly requires, to ensure this becomes a reality.
- O. Tyler Adamson - Working with Commission, there are many organizations active in the public safety space. Want to consider how we can partner with these organizations.
- P. Mayor Scott - Next meeting will be more robust. More information will be shared between this meeting and next. Will contact St. Louis to get those comments going.
- Q. Dana Moore - Would be helpful to have clarity on the legislative calendar to know when this needs to get on the Council and then get on the ballot.
- R. Mayor Scott - That information is included in the presentation and will be shared.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:05PM