

## Meeting Minutes - Local Control Advisory Board Meeting - Monday, 11/08/21

### **Members in Attendance:**

Mayor Scott, Senator Cory McCray, Delegate Stephanie Smith, Andy Smullian, Shantay Jackson, Dana Moore, Nikki Thompson, Jim Shea, Ray Kelly, Caylin Young, Robert Cherry, Lisa Robinson, Lisa Walden, Ashiah Parker, Lydia Walther Rodriguez, Tre Murphy, Council President Nick Mosby, Mark Washington

### **Members Absent:**

Tyler Salley, Tyler Adamson

Meeting Started: 5:37PM

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

- Mayor Scott provided opening remarks.
- Member Tre Murphy provided an introduction.

### **II. Selecting Chair**

- Chair will call meetings to order, keep track of the cadence of meetings, work with Board and subcommittees to generate reports, liaise with external organizations.
- Natasha Mehu opened the floor to nominations for Chair.
  1. Robert Cherry nominated Dana Moore. Motion seconded by Sen. Cory McCray. Nomination accepted.
  2. Council President Nick Mosby nominated Ashiah Parker. Nomination accepted.
- Council President asks if vote should be pushed to next meeting or co-chairs considered. Mayor says this business was discussed last meeting and legislation specifies “a chair”.
- Dana Moore emphasizes importance of shared governance and working collaboratively, should she be elected Chair.
- Tre Murphy says while role of Chair(s) important, the most critical work will happen in the working groups. Call for a vote and collectively settle on Vice Chair who does not work for City government.
- Council President makes motion to vote on Chair. Lisa Robinson seconds.
- With 7 votes for Dana Moore and 4 votes for Ashiah Parker, Dana Moore becomes Chair of the Local Control Advisory Board.
- Mayor Scott puts motion to make Ashiah Parker Vice Chair. President Mosby seconds. Motion passes. Ashiah Parker officially Vice Chair.

### **III. Discussion of Proposed Advisory Board Structure**

- Natasha Mehu proposes possible structure of the Local Control Advisory Board, which includes a proposal for subcommittees:
  1. Implementation of ongoing consent decree, management of Police Department and the transfer of personnel
  2. Different models of local control of the Police Department, including Financial impacts of local control
  3. Charter amendment to assume control of the Police Department and

### Engagement and Public Outreach Strategies

- Mayor in favor of breaking into subcommittees, but wants to hear thoughts of other members
- Council President asks how three proposed subcommittees were selected. Natasha Mehu clarifies the topics the Board is tasked with exploring.
- Robert Cherry agrees with breaking into topic areas, but also wants to meet in person to better engage with Board members.
- Delegate Stephanie Smith thinks about this in terms of theme: operations, accountability, evaluation, and developing structure of charter amendment. Asks that concepts are grouped around those themes, helping better explain the work of this Board to public.
- Lisa Robinson discusses importance of remembering how these topics go together; shouldn't be completely separate.
- Chair Moore - Even though we're doing subcommittee work, we need times to come back together and bring the group up to speed.
- Chair Moore raises idea of doing voluntary third report in July 2022 to explain to public what this Board is doing.
- Ray Kelly - Subcommittees meet outside of general Board meeting and report back at regular meeting schedule.
- Tre Murphy - Does anything think there should be another configuration of the subcommittees? To me, makes sense that the groupings go with the legislation. Also, I want this group to work ambitiously to deliver the final report early in June 2022, which facilitates this getting on the ballot in 2022.
- Ray Kelly - First proposed subcommittee is a huge topic. We also need to be thinking about oversight, with LEOBR reform, other changes. May be outside the scope, but the oversight needs to be addressed.
- Mayor Scott - Thinks what Ray suggests fits into model of local control subcommittee.
- Council President Mosby - The third subcommittee is what this Board is charged to do. Concerned about intermingling of the topics.
- Lydia Walther Rodriguez - Committees should include language put into actual ballots. The work of first two subcommittees will inform the third. Public outreach should be a part of the work of all committees.
- Ray Kelly - Agrees it will help to have these meetings in person.
- Chair Moore will work with Ashiah and staff to find an option that can accommodate the 20 members. On committee structure, this comes straight from Section 3 of legislation as it was passed.
- Andy Smullian - Defers to will of Board on subcommittee structure. Can there be fluidity in terms of membership of subcommittees to allow cross-participation discussion? Can we first get a presentation on different models of local control to determine how to design the subcommittees.
- Mayor Scott says we will have that presentation next meeting.
- Council President Mosby - Loves idea raised by Andy Smullian. Review models of local control, then formulate what the topics should be.
- Mayor Scott - Disagrees slightly with President. Let's agree we need subcommittees and define exact areas later.

- Caylin Young - Agrees with Mayor. We can start determining some of the general considerations for each of these subcommittees between now and the next meeting.
- Robert Cherry - We've heard a lot about St. Louis. Can we get list of cities throughout nation that have gone through local control process? Interested in how LA did it. They have Board of Commissioners and went through federal consent decree.
- Mayor Scott - That's the intention. Mayor of Kansas City suing to get local control. We want to review all models so this group can consider what makes the most sense for Baltimore.
- Chair Moore - There are broad concerns that impact all of us, like models other cities have used. Sounds like we are going to have subcommittees. For tonight, this structure makes sense because it is drawn from legislation. The overlay of all subcommittees is for example - how other cities have done it, community outreach- and all can contribute to any subcommittee. Chair and Vice Chair will try to attend all the meetings to move topics forward.
- Chair Moore - Does anyone feel uncomfortable with in-person meetings?
- Mayor Scott - We should ensure we don't lock anyone out who can access this because it's online.
- Ray Kelly - Even though we would meet in person, we would still allow the public virtual access.
- Robert Cherry - Can't forget what the goal of this group is. This is an important endeavor. It is important that we meet each other. We owe it to the citizens of the city. We can still provide virtual access.
- Chair Moore - We will not make a decision tonight. Need more information about this is how we can get it done.

#### **IV. Next Meeting**

- November 30 at 5:30PM.
- Agenda is not yet set, but planning to get presentation from other jurisdictions.
- Chair Moore and Vice Chair Parker will get together to think about cadence moving forward.

#### **V. Next Steps**

- Dana Moore - Law Department worked on some issues around legal liability and mandate from the legislation that can be shared with this Board. Lisa Walden can provide information about implication for the consent decree and ongoing effects.
- Caylin Young suggests a few people get together to develop draft public outreach schedule. Asks Council President about Council meeting schedule for next year, which should be ready in a few weeks.
- Lisa Robinson - If there's information that's already been obtained on local control and the charter amendment, that information should be sent out to the panel before we meet next week. When this group gets back together, the Board can make some decisions.
- Robert Cherry - Can the contact information for the entire Board be shared?
- Vice Chair Parker - Can we start a Google Drive with meeting minutes, contact list, etc.? We need a way to share information and review past information.

- Delegate Smith - Need to ensure the raised hand function is utilized. Agrees with digital folder suggestion. Can we always have agenda for meetings 72 hours in advance and be more nimble at these meetings? Also, need to understand public access to in-person meetings.
- Tre Murphy - If next meeting is 11/30, how will we write report by 12/1? We could discuss bare bones elements of a report to ensure we can make that deadline. Can we interview representatives from St. Louis before the next meeting? We want that to go into the report.
- Chair Moore - My philosophy on the December 1 report is our first statement about who we are and what we are about. Should include how we got here, history, our purpose, and what we're doing about it. Should include our meeting minutes. It should include about shared governance, what we decided tonight. Elements of our structure should also be included in that report. Everyone on this board has the opportunity to submit content, which can be included in this report. Will ask City Solicitor to take a look at our report and ensure it meets the legal requirements of the legislation.
- Senator McCray, Andy Smullian thank the Chair.
- Tre Murphy asks for timeline on information gathering and that it be at least 5 days in advance.
- Chair Moore asks for the information one week from today, November 15, for the information that already exists. Asks that the Board works together and remembers this is the first time this has ever been done before in Baltimore.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:02PM