



Search Warrant Task Force
Securing Committee
June 21, 2021

Minutes

- I. Securing Committee Convened. Attendees were Commissioner Nicolai Jilek, Honorable Ramon McGee (virtual), Honorable David L. Nicholson, and Mayor Jeff Gregory (virtual).
- II. Mayor Gregory motioned to adopt the regular meeting schedule of the Search Warrant Task Force. Commissioner Jilek seconded it. The motion passed.
- III. Opening Comments
 - a. The Committee did not elect a chairperson; it will do so at the next meeting. Commissioner Jilek was selected to report to the Task Force on behalf of the Committee, at least for the June meeting.
 - b. Mr. McGee opened the meeting by noting that data is essential to the work of the Committee. He expressed a desire to see search warrant data from other states, too.
 - c. Commissioner Jilek noted that they must know more about where, when, by whom, and against whom search warrants are sought. He added that there would be staffing and resource limitations to generating such data.
- IV. Discussion
 - a. The Committee indicated a desire to know the percentage of search warrants sought by local law enforcement vs. state police, as well as the percentage of search warrants “turned in” vs. those that seem to fade from local systems.
 - b. Commissioner Jilek made the point that police training differs across the state—that there are four locations that train local law enforcement and, though DOCJT is the largest such location, Lexington, Louisville, and Bowling Green train their own officers. The Committee discussed this point at length, including that officer training should add follow-ups to see that training is actually being implemented. The Committee felt this was especially important to ensure that officers utilized their training in seeking and securing search warrants in an appropriate and constitutional manner.
 - c. Commissioner Jilek suggested that whatever recommendations come from the Committee are likely to fall, in large part, on DOCJT. He then recommended that the Committee contact the Lexington, Louisville, and Bowling Green training

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centers to compare training programs across the state. He mentioned this as a potential presentation for when the Committee leads a Task Force meeting this fall.

V. Adjournment

- a. Mayor Gregory motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jilek seconded it. The meeting adjourned.