

Local Control Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

5:39 PM

Start Time: 5:35pm

Attendees

- Chair Dana Moore
- Co-Chair- Ashiah Parker
- Kenneth Thompson- Baltimore City Consent Decree Monitor
- Senator Cory McCray
- Delegate Stefanie Smith
- Jim Shea- Chief Solicitor
- Mark Washington
- Natasha Mehu
- Adam Abadir
- Ray Kelly
- Andrew Smullian
- Caylin Young
- Lisa Walden
- Lydia Walther
- Nikki Thompson
- Nina Themelis
- Tyler Adamson
- Shantay Jackson
- Tyler Salley
- Council President Nick Mosby

Presentation- Kenneth Thompson, Baltimore City Consent Decree Monitor
Impact to return BPD to the City would have on the consent decree

Questions and Answers to Mr. Thompson

Is the State a Party to the Consent Decree, and is any funding jeopardized?

The State is not a party to the consent decree, nor is the state providing any funding that the City would lose regarding the consent decree.

Does the Consent Decree Monitoring Team need to review the Local Control implementation legislation?

While we are interested in staying out of this process, it's conceivable that there could be a provision of the implementation bill that would be out of step with the consent decree. It would be helpful for the Consent Monitoring Team to review in advance, to ensure compliance.

Shantay Jackson – Should the Federal Judge in charge of overseeing the consent decree be informed of the LCAB discussions, should he be interested?

Discuss with Solicitor Shea and Ms. Walden, as the request would need to come via the Law Department. Potentially.

Tyler Adamson-The way that policing was imagined in 2017 is how policing reform is being developed currently. But since there, more conversations have occurred nationally, and locally. Should there be any further changes, would those changes also need to be approved by the consent decree?

The 16 areas that the consent decree touches upon are very specific. Something new in one of the subject areas needs to come to the consent decree, but if it is not one of those subject areas, it's not necessary.

Approval of the minutes, introduced by Chair Moore Seconded by Tyler Adamson. Minutes approved with one abstention by Senator McCray.

Next Meeting is Friday, January 14th at 10:00am, with Baltimore City Budget Director Bob Cename and Director of Finance Henry Raymond, to discuss the fiscal impact of Baltimore City assuming local control

January 28th- Meeting with other cities to discuss their implementation best practices.

Discussion

Other items to consider include the creation of working groups in the near future.

Ray Kelly notes that our deliberations are likely being monitored by the Consent Decree team, and we should continue to be transparent in order to ensure compliance.

Shantay- Perhaps we should uplift the work of the Community Oversight Task Force's Recommendations (COTF) as part of the Local Control Advisory board, as it has already gone through the process.

Chair Moore- We should use the COTF as a guide for our deliberations. Link:
<https://consentdecree.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/Final%20COTF%20Report.pdf>

Tyler Adamson- We should ensure that our work is to serve Baltimore City residents, and not merely to satisfy a federal judge/the consent decree.

Chair Moore- There were high-level conversations with Baltimore City residents that informed the creation of the consent decree itself.

August 5th is the deadline for the certification of the ballot questions.
Final report due December 31st.

End: 6:30pm