

February 26, 2020 - Governor's FOCUS Committee on Criminal Justice Reform
Scott Community College Urban Campus, Room C133, 101 W. 3rd St, Davenport

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m.

The roll was called. All committee members were present except John Koufos. Darius Potts, Helen Miller, and Lacey White (for John Koufos) appeared by phone. A quorum of committee members was present.

Jennifer Miller made a motion to adopt the minutes for the December 2 meeting. The motion was seconded by Tim Lane. The minutes were adopted by voice vote.

Lt. Governor Gregg made opening remarks. He presented the committee with an update on the status of the committee's December recommendations.

Steve Michael and Laura Roeder-Grubb from the Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning presented on racial disparities in the conviction data.

Rachael Krier from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy discussed the training regimen for new police officers, the inclusion and proposed expansion of implicit bias training, and implicit bias specialty schools that ILEA offers to current police officers as continuing training.

Del and Jon Marion from Inclusive Cultural University, Darryck Dean from the U.S. Department of Justice, and Sergeant Yanira Scarlett from the Des Moines Police Department sat on a panel discussion about building relationships between law enforcement and populations of color.

Daniel Zeno from the American Civil Liberties Union presented data and proposed reforms to reduce racial disparities in the criminal justice system.

Dr. Christopher Barnum from St. Ambrose University presented his research on disproportionalities in traffic stops and stop outcomes.

The Committee adjourned at 2:11 p.m.