

Vison Zero Council

2.16.22 Meeting Minutes

2:00 pm

This virtual public meeting was hosted on Zoom.

Council Members: Sibongile Magubane, Kevin Manzolillo, Susan Logan, Garrett Eucalitto, Keith Norton, Jon Slifka, Jackie McMahon

Council Members Absent: Beth Bye

Invited Guests: Guests: Roland Lemar, Will Haskell Co-Chairman of the Transportation Committee

Other Attendees: Aaron Swanson, Diana Palmer, James McQueeney, Sonia Szczesna, Joseph Cristalli, Thomas Delnicki, Stephanie Thomas, Jonathan Steinberg, Travis Simms, John Bertoli, Jason Ouimet, Mae Flexer, Ken Gucker, Aimee Berger-Girvalo, Jim Jinks, Rebecca Hall, Aaron Goode, Katherine Grady, Douglas Hausladen, Mitch Bolinsky, Joseph Cristalli, Holly Schulz, Michael Zacchera, Sonia Szczesna, Danielle Brown, Roger Krahn, Laurie McElwee, Adam Skowera, Jerry Benjamin, Joe Balskus, Timothy Snyder, Kate Rozen, Amy Watkins, Daisy Hernandez, Richard Donovan, Adam Weber, Kaethe Podgorski, Flavia Pereira, Charles Harlow, Phyllis DiFiore, Bryan Pavlik, Sandy Fry, Terri Thompson, Tracy Noble, Timothy Snyder, Daniel Parlapiano

Meeting was called to order at 2:04pm by Chairman Eucalitto

Garrett Eucalitto – Welcome and introduction of new member Keith Norton from SDE

Keith Norton – Introduction from the State Department of Education. Chief Strategic Planning Officer. Taking over from Laura Stefon.

Garrett Eucalitto – we have a quorum, adoption of the 1.19.22 meeting minutes included in the minutes are the questions that were entered into the q&a field of Zoom at the last meeting and they were shared with our federal partners.

Susan Logan motion, second Lt. Manzolillo, all in favor

Keith Norton abstain since wasn't there.

Minutes are adopted

Garrett Eucalitto – Interagency Policy. This Council is still new. First policy we are adopting is going to be a higher level document and having a lot more growth in the future as we proceed over the coming years. We shared with council members for comment and posted for the public to make comments as well.

Aaron Swanson – talk about changes made since the policy was posted. And how the policy was created. This interagency policy was required by the legislation that established the council. Still in the early stages. This will guide our agencies that make up this council in our policy decisions. We wanted this to be high level in the first year to leave room for the council and subcommittee to grow. We wanted to

follow other Vision Zero strategies. Vision Zero Action Plans. We relied on the Vision Zero Network. Put out a high level draft for council and public comments. We appreciate the feedback.

The policy is pretty much unchanged, there were some wording changes that were made and they are posted on the screen.

Garrett Eucalitto – final policy discussion, we are looking forward to revising this as we grow. Does any one want to provide comments?

Garrett Eucalitto – I would Move for adoption of the policy and then transmit to the General Assembly
Jon Slifka makes motion, Second by Jackie McMahon

All in favor of adoption

Policy is adopted

We will send it to the transportation committee members and the General Assembly and post on the Vision Zero Council website.

Garrett Eucalitto – moving to the next agenda item Chairs of the Transportation Committee Rep. Lemar and Sen. Haskell to talk about what is on their agendas for this session. Rep. Lemar has been a long time proponent of safety improvements in our transportation system. Has championed the Vision Zero concept.

Rep. Lemar – Thank you to Garrett and the Council members who have been working so hard on this. This is the first in the nation statewide Vision Zero policy. You have had robust conversations with advocates. This will ensure the safety of the traveling public. I'm excited to see this communicated to the Transportation Committee. I'm hoping to learn more as we move forward. This is exactly what we were looking for. This will set the standard across the nation. IJA focused on this exact policy. I personally appreciate all of the work you are doing.

Sen. Haskell – riding on a diesel bus, this is important to every town in CT. we lots of bicycle and pedestrian advocacy, we want to ensure every CT community is walkable and safe.

Rep. Simms – Thank you for all the great work you do. Agree with Lemar. Keep up the great work.

Rep. Steinberg - Thank you, I'm very excited by this program, it really challenges us to be creative and customize programs on a community by community basis. This is a big opportunity for communities and opportunity to create greater efficiencies. Take these ideas back to our districts and engage with local leaders and influencers.

Rep. Berger -Girvalo – I was surprised by how much the things you are address are of concern to my community. The vast majority of my constituent's issues fall under what we are talking about today. Thank you for all the work you do.

Rep. Thomas – underscore thank you for all of your work, this feels like something the biggest policy push in years. I'm excited to see where this goes. We have more than just people who drive personal vehicles.

Rep. Bolinsky – Happy to be a member of this group. Seeing Rep. Steinberg there I know we are about saving lives. Having worked in the automotive industry and drivers education, we can do a lot better than 40,000 fatalities in a year.

Sen. Flexer – I am walking right now. I have been watching your work over the last several months. Grew up in a family without a car. I am so grateful for all you have done. CT is going to lead the way on this critical issue.

Garrett Eucalitto – Thank you for your participation. Will be getting the report sent over in the next week or so. Update on the subcommittee process.

Aaron Swanson – subcommittees, working behind the scenes to get everyone in the committees they requested, next month at our March 22nd meeting, please feel free to still register to participate. Subcommittee make-up 5 E's of Traffic Safety. 47 people have registered. Plus 12 members suggested by council members. We welcome more members.

Garrett Eucalitto –do the council members have any questions on subcommittee construct?

Susan Logan - do the agency folks know they will need to be on that call? Arron - we will let them know.
Susan - I like an agency and a member of the public as co-chairs.

Susan Logan – many folks from DPH who will be on the subcommittees, I made sure someone from DPH will be signing up for the EMS subcommittee and I will ask my folks to try to get more people to participate.

Garrett Eucalitto - Our Highway Safety Office reached out to some of the hospitals for members as well for EMS

Garrett Eucalitto– next meeting and next steps next meeting 3/22/22 we will meet quarterly and have the subcommittees meeting between our meetings and then report back to us when we meet as a full council. Probably have one have the legislative session ends in May. Need to send out a doodle poll to the members for the next meeting soon so we won't have to scramble.

Public Comment

No comments

Motion to adjourn by Susan Logan second by Jackie McMahon

Adjourned 2:38pm