



Law and Justice Council of Thurston County
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 15, 2020
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Welcome & Introductions

The Council Meeting was conducted over Zoom for Council members, and over the phone via conference call for members of the public to call in. Public Defense Director Patrick O'Connor called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Welcome and introductions were made and an electronic sign in sheet is on record.

The minutes from the July 16, 2020 meeting were approved.

Law & Justice Subcommittee on Race & Justice Update

Patrick O'Connor provided an update to the Council regarding progress made with the subcommittee on race and justice. The subcommittee had a few meetings is still working on identifying what data to collect and how to collect it. More discussion to come.

Presentation from Dr. Lauren Knoth, WA State Institute for Public Policy

Patrick O'Connor introduced Dr. Lauren Knoth from the Washington State Institute for Public Policy. She provided a thorough presentation to the Council on racial disproportionality and disparity through the criminal justice system. (PowerPoint presentation attached).

Introduction of Amplified Voices of Olympia (AVO)

Patrick O'Connor introduced Mercy, a member of Amplified Voices of Olympia (AVO) and Black Leaders in Action & Solidarity (BLAST). Mercy provided a presentation to the Council on systemic racism, incarceration, investing in the community and measuring change. (PowerPoint presentation not available).

COVID-19 Council Member Update (time permitting)

Time did not allow the council in providing a COVID-19 council member update.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

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