



# Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street  
Louisville, KY 40202

## Action Summary - Tentative Committee on Equity and Inclusion

*Chair Paula McCraney (D-7)*

*Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19)*

*Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)*

*Committee Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4)*

*Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11)*

*Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)*

*Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)*

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Thursday, February 18, 2021

4:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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### Call to Order

Chair McCraney called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

Chair McCraney introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

**\*NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually.**

**Present:** 6 - Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Chair Paula McCraney (D-7), Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19), and Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

**Excused:** 1 - Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)

### Non-Committee Members

Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Council Member Nicole George (D-21), and Council Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

### Support Staff

Paul Rutherford, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

### Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk

## Pending Legislation

### 1. [R-015-21](#)

**A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING PROJECT COORDINATION FOR A PILOT 911 CALL PRIORITIZATION PROGRAM - (UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE - \$231,056.00) (AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION).**

**Sponsors:** Primary David James (D-6)

**Attachments:** [R-015-21 V.2 CABS 021821 Contract for Pilot 911 Call Prioritization Program.pdf](#)  
[R-015-21 V.1 021121 Contract for Pilot 911 Call Prioritization Program.pdf](#)  
[Contract - Police with University of Louisville for 911 Program \(R-015-21\).pdf](#)  
[Non-Competitive Contract Request Form for R-015-21.pdf](#)  
[CIK Louisville Deflection Planning Proposal.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Stewart, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Chair McCraney explained that the Resolution needed to be amended to be a contract for Louisville Metro Police Department and not Metro Safe.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Kramer, that this Resolution be amended by substitution as shown on the attached document titled "R-015-21 V.2 CABS 021821 Contract for Pilot 911 Call Prioritization Program.pdf."

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chief Amy Hess, Louisville Metro Police Department
- Dr. Susan Buchino, University of Louisville
- Dr. Craig Blakely, University of Louisville
- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Council Member Hollander
- Council Member George
- Committee Member Arthur
- Committee Member Stewart

The following was discussed:

- This is related to the deflection plan being developed for Louisville
- The contract is to help assess what is best for Louisville
- Different models will be reviewed
- Determining what the work flow looks like in regards to first responders and social workers
- Reviewing the types of 911 calls received to see how the public can be served better and to produce better outcomes

- Exploring who is best to address certain situations, as in police versus social workers
- Budget sustainability
- Team working on this to reach out to Council Members who have spoken to people around the country who are using various models
- Reserving funds in Budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and needing to commit to it for a length of time
- Who should be included in the discussions in developing the plan
- Analysis of Louisville's past and current plans
- Providing a menu of options of plans moving forward

The motion to recommend for approval carried by a voice vote and the amended Resolution was sent to Old Business.

## Special Discussion

### 2. [ID 21-0193](#)

**The 14th Amendment: Civil Rights vs. Civil Liberties/Equity in the Criminal Justice System - Professor Russell L. Weaver and Professor Dan Canon, University of Louisville.**

**Attachments:** [Presentation - 3 Ways to Improve Crim. Just. in Lou. \(D. Canon 2-18-21\).pdf](#)

Chair McCraney introduced Professor Russell Weaver.

The following spoke to this item:

- Professor Russell Weaver
- Chair McCraney
- Committee Member Arthur
- Council Member Ackerson

The following was discussed:

- Importance of getting the 14th Amendment right as it pertains to legislation
- Basics of how the 14th Amendment works
- Issues with providing opportunities for socio-economically disadvantaged populations versus evening the playing field by race
- Reparations or atonement for specific groups that are always tied to race for the wrong that has been done

Chair McCraney stated that she would invite Professor Dan Canon back since there was not sufficient time to cover this topic.

[Note: Chair McCraney experienced some technical difficulties during this portion of the meeting.]

## Adjournment

Without objection, Vice Chair Piagentini adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on February 25, 2021.