



Board of Directors Meeting Report  
April 27, 2023  
600 Jefferson; Conference room #2

The Crime Commission Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the Board of Directors chair Ben Adams. The April 27, 2023 board report was approved.

### **ELECTION OF RECOMMENDED NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

- State Senator London Lamar
- FBI SAC Doug DePodesta
- Jim McMahon - ARS

The motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the aforementioned as new Crime Commission board members.

### **REPORT ON KEY SAFE COMMUNITY PLAN OUTCOMES/INDICATORS**

Mr. Gibbons presented the available key plan outcome figures to the board covering the period from January through March 2023:

- Reported major violent crime, January – March, increased by 7.7% in 2023 compared to 2022 in Memphis; in all of Shelby County, major violent crime also increased by 5.4% compared to 2022.
- Reported major property crime, January – March, compared to 2022 in Memphis increased 43.8% and increased 42.1% in all of Shelby County.
- Reported domestic violence, January – March, in Memphis, increased by 8.8% in 2022 and increased in all of Shelby County by 5.6%.

- Violent Incidents involving guns in Memphis, January -March, increased by 10.9%.
- Overall crime, January – March, in Memphis increased by 19.9% and increased by 17.4% in all of Shelby County compared to 2022.

## **2023 ACTION STEP MILESTONES**

Bill Gibbons presented the milestone chart on plan objectives for this year and the current status. Mr. Gibbons further stated that he would continue to update the objective outcomes quarterly.

## **STATUS REPORTS ON KEY ACTION STEPS**

Jimmie Johnson presented the status of focused deterrence and violence intervention in Memphis. Mr. Johnson stated that the Group Violence Intervention program was succeeding by engaging youths where they are and providing resources. Mr. Johnson further stated that two objectives are being met:

- High-risk youth are identified and made aware that their actions are being noticed.
- Trust is being built between youth and law enforcement.

Mr. Johnson stated that 31 high-risk youths received a custom notification that offers the youths an opportunity to change their behavior. Seventeen (17) of the thirty-one (31) individuals were referred to community supportive services. Individuals received the following services:

- Driver's license (1)
- GED preparation (1)
- Mental Health Service (1)
- Housing (3)
- Mentorship (3)

- Job Placement (7)
- Other (8)

## **BLENDED SENTENCING**

Bill Gibbons presented a statement to the board for review and support. District Attorney Mulroy stated that this was a tool to use to meet the challenge of juvenile crime by removing the arbitrary age limit and creating a system of blended sentencing up to age 24 for appropriate types of cases.

A motion was made to endorse the statement submitted in support of blended sentencing, seconded and approved.

Abstaining from this vote: U. S. Attorney Kevin Ritz

## **WALK AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE**

Bill Gibbons asked the board for approval to move forward with a walk against gun violence and for legislative action. A motion was made, seconded, and approved. The walk will take place July 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Westwood area.

Abstaining from this vote: U. S. Attorney Kevin Ritz

## **FINANCIALS**

The February financials were presented in the packet for board review.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The board meeting included a presentation to Amy Weirich for her participation and support on the Crime Commission board of directors and her leadership of the Safe Community Plan effort. General Weirich further encouraged the board to continue the fight against violent crimes.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned...

**Presented by:**

**Sharon (Sam) Walker**

**Executive Assistant**

**Memphis Shelby Crime Commission Board Meeting**

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**Attendance:**

- 1. Ben Adams**
- 2. Louis "Bo" Allen**
- 3. Sheriff Floyd Bonner**
- 4. Tom Cleaves**
- 5. Chief Jeff Cox**
- 6. Chief C. J. Davis**
- 7. Susan Deason**
- 8. FBI SAC Douglas DePodesta**
- 9. Edward Dobbs**
- 10. John Dudas**
- 11. Rep. John Gillespie**
- 12. Jeffrey Higgs**
- 13. Henry Hooper**
- 14. James Kirkwood**
- 15. Stevie Moore**
- 16. Paul Morris**
- 17. District Attorney Steve Mulroy**
- 18. U. S. Attorney Kevin Ritz**
- 19. Joseph Saab**
- 20. Coleman Thompson**
- 21. Dorcas Young Griffin**
- 22. Daniel Weddle**

## **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES**

- 1. Jimmie Johnson**
- 2. Gregory Sanders (for Carolyn Jackson)**
- 3. Ryan Thompson**
- 4. Jimmy Thomas**
- 5. Ellen McLeod**
- 6. Mary Powers**
- 7. Ethel S. Hilliard**
- 8. Ann Hawkins**
- 9. Delvin Lane**
- 10. Harold Collins (for Mayor Harris)**
- 11. Tim McCuddy**
- 12. Joe Gurley**
- 13. Janine Heiner**
- 14. Joe Oakley**