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**Minutes from the September 7, 2022
Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee**

Committee members present: Marissa Mims (Chair), Jeff Marier (vice chair), Cassandra J. Ingram, JoAnne Spoto Decker, Tricia Wittkowski

Absent: Greg Scammell (moment of silence), John Falge, Christine TenEyck (resigned)

Community members present: County legislators Mary Kuhn and Peggy Chase and Community member Kathy Zabinski.

County staff present: JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy and Onondaga County Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams

- 1) **Opening:** Meeting began at 5:35 p.m.
- 2) **Welcomes/introductions:** Chairperson Marissa Mims
- 3) **Agenda:** Motion to approve September agenda. Approved 5-0
- 4) **Minutes:** Motion to approve August minutes. Approved 5-0
- 5) **Visitors:** Introductions from the public
- 6) **Chair's report:**
 - Chair Marissa Mims announced the JCOC has been invited to speak at the Sept. 12, 2022 Onondaga County Public Safety Committee meeting. Jeff Marier will see if he can attend the Monday meeting.

Discussion:

- JCOC members would like to get updates of recent complaints happening at the Justice Center. The human rights specialist Johanna Sellers will have time set aside to update the JCOC members on jail events.
- Committee member JoAnne Decker asked questions about the woman who gave birth at the Justice Center but who later lost her baby at the hospital. The state Attorney General's office is looking at the facts of

the case and will determine if the state AG will move forward with any further actions.

- Bimonthly meetings must be conducted as an open meeting. Montanette will alert the OCSO that future bimonthly meetings must happen as an open meeting.
- JCOC members would like to tour the Justice Center Jail again – post-Covid. Members would also like to see the SERT video that demonstrates how SERT moves happen and would like to do a sit in at the Justice Center.

7) Administrator's report:

- JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy discussed the population at the Justice Center: 388 total detainees; of that total 29 are female. There are 0 COVID cases.
- Administrator Murphy also gave an update on the JCOC candidate and interview to the JCOC. Candidate's name and resume was sent to the County Executive's office.

8) No executive session.

9) Motion to adjourn meeting: Approved 5-0.

11) Meeting ended at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Montanette Murphy on September 8, 2022.