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### **Minnesota Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Public Briefing: Policing Practices**

Chicago, IL – On Friday, April 2, 2021, the Minnesota Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold the first in a series of public briefings to discuss the ongoing crisis of police violence against people of color in Minnesota. The Committee will review the status of the implementation by Minnesota law enforcement of the recommendations of their 2018 report [\*Civil Rights and Policing Practices in Minnesota\*](#) which identified a need for comprehensive use-of-force training, training in de-escalation techniques, and training in mental health interventions.

The Committee will hear from scholars, law enforcement, policy makers, advocacy groups, and other stakeholders as it gathers testimony for a report to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. The Committee will examine the value of and adherence to each recommendation from the 2018 report but will focus specifically on Minnesota law enforcement implementation of recommendations related to (1) implicit bias training, (2) procedural justice training, (3) data collection, and (4) transparency.

The first meeting will take place on **Friday, April 02, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Central Time.)** This meeting is open to the public and those interested can access the meeting by calling **800-367-2403 and using Confirmation Code 3652302**. There will be an open comment period during the meeting. The Committee will also accept written statements submitted to David Barreras at [dbarreras@USCCR.gov](mailto:dbarreras@USCCR.gov).

The tentative list of panelists for April 2, 2021 briefing include:

**Eugene Borgida**, Professor of Psychology and Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota  
**James Densley**, Dir. of the Law Enforcement and Crim Justice Ctr at Metropolitan State University  
**Justin Terrell**, Director of the Minnesota Justice Research Center  
**Stephen Rushin**, Associate professor of law, Loyola University

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