

**Sandy Hook Advisory Commission**  
**August 16, 2013**  
**9:30 AM**  
**LOB, Room 1A**

**Minutes**

**Commission Chair:** Scott Jackson

**Members Present:** Kathleen Flaherty, David Schonfeld, Ezra Griffith, Harold Schwartz, Terry Edelstein, Robert Ducibella, Ron Chivinski, Barbara O'Connor, Patricia Keavney-Maruca, Denis McCarthy, Chris Lyddy

**Members Absent:** Wayne Sandford, Bernie Sullivan, Alice Forrester, Adrienne Bentman

- I. Call to order at 9:30 AM
  
- II. The International Perspective: Methods Used In Israel to Safeguard Schools.  
Presentation by The Israeli Experience in Homeland Security (TIX)
  - a. Part 1: Discussion. Key takeaways: Emphasis on awareness and educating everyone on how to increase awareness; turning awareness into actionable intelligence; the role of the police in this awareness and focusing on the safety of the entire community.
  
  - b. Part 2: Presentation on school security. Key takeaways: security in schools enhances academic freedom; emphasis on evaluating security threats to schools; proactive security approach and the elements of this approach.
  
- III. Update By The School Security Infrastructure Council (presented by Department of Administrative Services Commissioner Don DeFronzo)
  - a. Key topics discussed in meetings of the SSIC: variance in school building plans; counterterrorism; new technology and updating schools with this technology.
  
  - b. Emerging issues: taking an "all-hazards" approach to evaluating potential threats to schools; security planning through compliance measures and design recommendations as well as assessment of current security systems; necessity for a "team" approach; emergency time response analysis, "deterrence, detection, delay and response."
  
- IV. Commission's legal counsel (McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter) presents chart on current status of task forces created by recent legislation

- V. Discussion by the Commission of the upcoming report to be drafted by the Commission
  - a. Review of outline recently distributed to Commission members.
  - b. Anticipation of release of police report on Sandy Hook and how much this report should factor into the report to be drafted by the Commission.

VI. Meeting adjourns at 12:00 PM