

Sandy Hook Advisory Commission

July 12, 2013

Committee Chair: Scott Jackson

Members Present: Kathleen Flaherty, David Schonfeld, Ezra Griffith, Wayne Sandford, Harold Schwartz, Bernie Sullivan, Alice Forrester, Terry Edelstein, Adrienne Bentman, Robert Ducibella

Members Absent: Ron Chivinski, Barbara O'Connor, Patricia Keavney-Maruca, Denis McCarthy, Chris Lyddy

I. Call to Order at 10:00 am

II. Review of 2013 Connecticut General Assembly Legislative Session

Attorney Lou Pepe & Attorney Dan Klau, McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP

- a. Key Takeaways: Pepe and Klau gave a summary of the legislation passed in the 2013 Session that is relevant and meaningful to the Commission.
 - i. Public Act 13-3 made major changes to states's gun laws, changes to mental health laws as they relate to gun violence, and school security and infrastructure.
 - ii. Public Act 13-178 discussed by Susan R. Schmeiser, Professor, University of Connecticut School of Law
- b. A summary of the legislation is available on the SHAC page of the Governor's website.

III. School Security Review

Kenneth S. Trump, President, National School Safety and Security Services

- a. Key Takeaways: It is important to have the conversation, focus, policy and funding on school safety months down the road from an incident, not just in its wake. When there is a decrease in prevention and intervention, it's clear we see an increase in incidents and lawsuits. School districts face a continuum of threats—so there must be a continuum of responses. Avoid solutions that are difficult to implement, such as metal detectors at every door. Ensure policy is comprehensive, but not overly prescriptive.

IV. Next meeting: August 16, 2013

VI. Adjournment