



## MEETING MINUTES

Administrative Charging Committee (ACC)  
Wednesday, January 10, 2024  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

[Zoom Link](#)

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**Attendees:** Andrea Johnson (Vice Chair), Thomas Pinder, Chris Jennison, James Hopkins Jr, Barton Aronson (Special Legal Counsel), Fatmata Barrie (staff), Laura Byers (*staff, minute taker*)

**Public Members:** 4

1. Call to Order
2. Review/Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Motion to approve the December 20 meeting minutes and January 10 meeting agenda. Approved. (5 Yes/0 No)

3. Discussion

Members opened the floor to the public and addressed questions presented at the December 21, 2023, PAB Quarterly Chief Meetings with the Law Enforcement Agency.

**Question Presented:** Is the ACC willing to allow Chiefs to discuss discipline actions to provide a greater understanding of how the matrix was applied to determine the Chief's decision?

**(The question presented is not intended to persuade the ACC decision or alter the opinion issued. This would also assist if the officer charged requests a Trial Board hearing).**

**Answer:** The Special Legal Counsel will investigate the prior case discussed to gain greater knowledge before advising the ACC members.

**Question from Chat:**

I'd be interested in hearing the chief's explanation of how that would be fair to the officer being charged? Would the officer also have an opportunity to be heard before the ACC?

Is there any expectation that the chief, at the Trial Board hearing, have to justify the ACC's decision if it differs from the chiefs?

Wouldn't give the chief a second opportunity to explain his recommendation be perceived as giving the chief additional influence? Why wouldn't chiefs be vague to justify meeting with the ACC?

Motion to table the Standard Operating Procedure. (Vote 5/0).

4. Case Review

**Summary:**

- The committee voted to move to a close session to discuss details of the Investigative File and file transfer system.

(Vote 5/0) Motion to move to closed session to review details of personnel issues pursuant to Maryland Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(13) “To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.”

5. Adjournment

*Next ACC Meeting: January 24, 2024*  
**Virtual** via Zoom Link: <http://tinyurl.com/ACC-2024>