



## POLICING ADVISORY COMMISSION

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**Monday, May 9, 2022**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**6:30pm to 7:50pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Commission Members Present:** Cherri Branson, Laurie Ekstrand, Caroline Fredrickson, Jenn Lynn, Ty McKinney, Vernon Ricks, Alicia Hudson, Eric Sterling [8 attendees]

**Ex-officio Members Present:** Sgt. Cate Brewer [1 attendee]

**Commission Members Absent:** Nadia Salazar Sandi, Robin Gaster, Ruhama Endishaw [3 absent]

**Support Staff:** Susan Farag and Carolyn Chen [2 staff]

**Guests:** David Martinsen (County Resident), Nicholas Augustine (County Resident)

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**Meeting was Called to Order** at 6:30 PM.

### **I. Attendance and Administrative Items (6:30 PM)**

- Cherri Branson (CB) confirmed they have a quorum (7 members) and can begin the meeting. Susan Farag (SF) took attendance and began recording the meeting.
- Meeting agenda was approved without objection.
- April meeting minutes were approved.

### **II. Subcommittee Updates (6:35 PM)**

- The subcommittees were reconfigured, and duties were changed for coverage and jurisdictional purposes.
- Eric Sterling, Robin Gaster, and Alicia Hudson are chairs of the subcommittees.
- Eric Sterling proposed a motion to establish a Special Liaison for Mental Health and Disability in Policing. Alicia Hudson seconded the motion.
- **VOTE: PAC supported (10-0) the establishment of the Special Liaison for Mental Health and Disability in Policing.**
- CB called for nominations for Special Liaison Position. Eric Sterling (ES) nominated Jenn Lynn. Vernon seconded the nomination.

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- **VOTE:** Jenn Lynn (7-3) to serve as the Special Liaison for Mental Health and Disability in Policing (Caroline Fredrickson abstained, David Martinsen and Nicholas Augustine did not vote).
- **Action:** CB requested Jenn Lynn create an outline of the duties of this role, her expectations, and others' expectations. This outline will be shared at the next meeting.

### **III. Police Accountability Board Updates (7:00 PM)**

- The County closed their applications for PAB on April 27<sup>th</sup>. They received 70 applications and are going through the interview process.
- Executive sent over an amendment. Amendment recommends funding for executive director and administrative specialist positions.
- On the state level, three pieces of documents are going through the legal sufficiency process. (1) Qualifications of board members and admin charging committee members, (2) Use of force training and guidance, and (3) Disciplinary matrix. These documents will then be forwarded to the komar process.
- **Action:** After the Komar process SF will forward to PAC.
- Alicia Hudson created a document on agenda item-Side-by-Side comparison of PAC and PAB.
- **Action:** Alicia Hudson will send to SF and Carolyn Chen (CC) to distribute to everyone in PAC to comment and make additions. SF will then gather and share these additions with everyone.

### **IV. Community Engagement and Community Policing (7:30 PM)**

- Community policing and community engagement work be done in full committee.
- Guest speakers will attend to help craft vision for community policing Montgomery County.

### **V. Guest Speaker Suggestions (7:40 PM)**

- **Action:** SF will reach out to Dr. Santiago to share their efforts on mental health training efforts.
- **Action:** SF and CC will coordinate to see if the commander from the 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> District can attend meetings to speak.
- **Action:** SF will send out information on hiring and recruiting.

### **VI. New Business (7:45 PM)**

- **Action:** SF will send out Citizen Academy trainings agenda for members to view and attend.

### **VII. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM**