



ADVISORY COMMISSION ON POLICING

Monday, March 11, 2024

[Meeting Virtually](#)

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Commission members present: Petros Bein, Rev. Brian Bellamy, C. Arthur Blair, Cherri Branson, Kristy Daphnis, Mike Donahue, Francisco González, Eva Quittman, John Stephenson, Dr. Terry Walsh, Sean Watson [11 members]

Commission members absent: Christina DeLane

Ex-officio members present: Sgt. Cate Brewer (FOP), Capt. Jordan Satinsky (MCPD) [2 members]

Support staff: Logan Anbinder, Susan Farag [2 staff]

Guests: Lisa Mandel-Trupp (Councilmember Balcombe), Heidi Rhodes (Jews United for Justice) [2 guests]

Total attendees: 17

Ms. Farag called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

I. Attendance and Administrative Items (6:34PM)

- Council staff took attendance and began recording the meeting.
- ACP members introduced themselves.

II. Nominations and vote for new Chair and Vice Chair (6:46PM)

- **VOTE:** Ms. Branson moved and Ms. Daphnis seconded a motion that the Chair and Vice Chair would serve for one full year. The motion passed.
- Mx. Quittman nominated Mr. Blair as Vice Chair.
- Mr. Gonzalez nominated Ms. Branson as Vice Chair.
- Ms. Daphnis nominated Rev. Bellamy as Chair.
- **VOTE:** Rev. Bellamy was elected as Chair by a vote of 10-0, with Rev. Bellamy abstaining.
- **VOTE:** Ms. Branson was elected as Vice Chair by a vote of 8-3.
 - Voting for Ms. Branson: Bein, Bellamy, Branson, Daphnis, González, Stephenson, Watson, Quittman.
 - Voting for Mr. Blair: Blair, Donahue, Walsh.

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III. Suggestions for the next meeting's agenda (6:59PM)

- Mr. Donahue suggested that the ACP use a work plan to guide its work over the next number of months. He further suggested reviewing the Maryland Police Accountability Act, the department's Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) accreditation, and the Effective Law Enforcement for All (ELEFA) audit.
- Mx. Quittman suggested reviewing the Freedom to Leave Act and the role that MCPD plays in County schools.
- Ms. Daphnis suggested the ACP get a better sense of the Council's priorities in terms of matters under the ACP's purview. She suggested the ACP should not over-focus on one specific issue but instead figure out how best to advise policymakers.
- Mr. González agreed with focusing on a work plan and starting with the letter that the previous iteration of the ACP sent to the Council in January.
- Vice Chair Branson agreed that the ACP should resume the work of the previous commission as indicated in the ACP's January letter. She suggested that committees within the ACP could be effective.
- Mr. Blair agreed with Vice Chair Branson that the ACP should invite guest speakers to participate before the Commission.
- Mr. Donahue suggested the ACP could have a role in the selection process for the new MCPD Chief. He also agreed with Vice Chair Branson's suggestion for subcommittees and suggested that this could be accomplished once the Commission's priorities had been determined.
- Chair Bellamy inquired whether all meetings would be virtual. Ms. Farag suggested that the Council has a meeting space at the Council Office Building that could host in-person or hybrid meetings.
- **VOTE:** Mr. Stephenson moved to meet the second Monday of each month from 6:30-8. Mx. Quittman seconded. Motion passed unanimously with Ms. Daphnis abstaining.
- Ms. Daphnis moved and Mr. González seconded that Council staff draft a letter to the Council requesting the Council's priorities for this new iteration of the ACP. At Mx. Quittman's suggestion, Council staff will also inquire whether the ACP could collaborate on issues via Google doc. Mr. Watson suggested that Council staff consider items for procedural (parliamentary/legal) training for the ACP.
- **ACTION:** Council staff will review the permissibility of collaboration via Google doc and will consider ACP training as mentioned above.
- Ms. Daphnis suggested meeting once per quarter in different districts within the County. Vice Chair Branson agreed with this suggestion and suggested that late May could be a target date for holding the first such meeting. She suggested that Monday nights might not be the best time to meet in the community. She also suggested commissioners consider organizations to whom the commission may want to do outreach regarding attending regular meetings.
- At Vice Chair Branson's request, Ms. Farag indicated that the likeliest early timing for next Council steps on the Freedom to Leave Act would be in June, after budget review.
- Mr. Blair suggested identifying subcommittees/subgroups to work on issues before beginning work on those issues.
- Mr. Stephenson suggested using social media to engage with the community. **ACTION:** Council staff will determine whether the ACP can have a social media account and whether the meetings could be broadcast on Facebook Live and Youtube.
- **VOTE:** Ms. Daphnis's aforementioned motion to draft a letter to the Council passed 10-0 (Mr. Bein abstaining).
- **ACTION:** Council staff will send the aforementioned letter.

- **ACTION:** Council staff will circulate a list of the ACP's suggested initiatives for Commission consideration.
- **ACTION:** Council staff will circulate ideas from the head of the Public Safety Training Academy regarding a menu of options for ACP training. Commissioners should also share any additional suggestions.
- Ms. Farag noted that the next MCPD Citizens Academy begins on April 30th and all commissioners are welcome to participate.
- Ms. Daphnis suggested that the Council make an allowance regarding training for those who have already participated in the full 15-week Citizens Academy.
- Mr. Donahue suggested that outlining the ACP's goals could help develop the commissioners' training program.
- **ACTION:** Council staff will send information to the ACP regarding upcoming Council Public Safety meetings.

IV. Approval of January Minutes (7:48PM)

- **VOTE:** Mr. Donahue moved and Mr. Watson seconded a motion to approve January's minutes. That motion passed unanimously with Mr. Bein abstaining.

V. Adjournment

Rev. Bellamy moved to adjourn and Ms. Daphnis seconded. **Meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM.**