



## ADVISORY COMMISSION ON POLICING

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**Monday, December 8, 2025**

### Minutes

**Commission members present:** Brian Bellamy, C. Arthur Blair, Cherri Branson, Lauren Cotton, Kristy Daphnis, Christina DeLane, Francisco Javier González, Henry Mulzac, Eva Quittman, John Stephenson, Terry Walsh, Sean Watson [12 members]

**Commission members absent:** Sony George, Sgt. Cate Brewer (FOP)

**Ex-officio members present:** Capt. Kathy Estrada (MCPD)

**Support staff:** Logan Anbinder, Susan Farag

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**I. Call to Order and Attendance (6:32 PM)**

- Chair Bellamy called the meeting to order at 6:32PM. A quorum of ACP members was present.

**II. Approval of Draft Minutes, November (6:33 PM)**

- **VOTE:** Minutes were adopted by common consent.

**III. Recap of 12/1/25 Public Safety Committee briefing (6:34 PM)**

- Chair Bellamy, Vice Chair González, Vice Chair Quittman, and Mr. Stephenson recounted their impressions of the Public Safety Committee briefing, indicating that they believed the meeting went well and that their presentation was well-received by the Committee.
- Per the Committee's request, Council staff will research practices regarding encryption of police radio communications in other jurisdictions, and provide a list of resources germane to the ACP's work on the ACP website.

**IV. Subcommittee updates (6:39 PM)**

**a. Data subcommittee**

**i. Data compendium**

- The subcommittee came up with a list of two dozen databases that they would like to learn more about from MCPD. The subcommittee plans to

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request a meeting with Asst. Chief Augustine or his designee to ask more detailed questions regarding these databases.

- Ms. Daphnis recommended that the subcommittee request a data dictionary for these databases as well as points of connection between these databases and any others that may not be directly under MCPD's purview. Vice Chair González concurred and noted that this discussion with MCPD will likely be an iterative process.

**ii. Meeting with academic experts**

- Previously, the ACP had resolved to meet with the academic experts as a full commission, but one of the experts is only available during regular business hours. Based on this, Ms. Daphnis will circulate an email among the data subcommittee to find times when the subcommittee specifically could meet with these experts, as well as follow up with Mr. Mulzac's recommended contact. Other members of the ACP would be invited to these meetings if they are available.

**b. Compliance subcommittee**

**i. Maryland Police Accountability Act (MPAA) audit report**

- Vice Chair Quittman reported that the subcommittee compiled its finalized thoughts on the MPAA. The subcommittee will share this draft with both MCPD and the Police Accountability Board (PAB) and request comments in order to make this a collaborative effort.

**c. School safety subcommittee**

- The subcommittee plans to meet soon to discuss safety standards in schools.
- Ms. Branson inquired whether the subcommittee would look into the increased suspension rate in schools. The subcommittee plans to look into how the suspension rate may possibly relate to police presence in schools.

**V. Old Business (6:58 PM)**

**a. Website and Public Comment language**

- The website has been updated with the language approved by the ACP.

**b. Letter to State's Attorney**

- Ms. Farag provided an update that the letter to State's Attorney McCarthy has been received and is being reviewed.

**c. Letter to Council regarding Public Forum**

- **VOTE:** Vice Chair Quittman moved and Mr. Mulzac seconded to approve the draft letter as drafted by Ms. Daphnis. The motion passed unanimously.
- Council staff will change the letter's font to Times New Roman prior to transmittal. *NB from Council staff: Council style guidelines stipulate that sans-serif fonts should be use for maximum accessibility, so staff will transmit the letter in a sans-serif font.*

**d. CILES Civic Engagement: January 7, 4:30PM – 5:45 PM**

- Commissioners discussed this upcoming session and multiple commissioners expressed plans to attend in person.

**e. Informal holiday get together in January**

- Commissioners plan to meet for an informal social gathering on Jan. 26 at 6:30PM at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Rockville. Commissioners were reminded that no business may be discussed at this gathering.

**VI. Old business (7:12 PM)**

- Ms. Branson inquired whether the Commission is keeping a list of items from its workplan that it has achieved so far.
- Vice Chair González proposed that all commissioners look at the workplan and be prepared to discuss a review of the commission's progress on the plan to date at the next meeting in January.
- Mr. Mulzac recommended tracking ACP letters sent and responses received. Ms. Farag noted that she keeps an internal spreadsheet, which she will circulate to commissioners.
- Vice Chair González noted that the Council plans to introduce the Trust Act to codify existing MCPD policies prohibiting discriminatory practices against immigrants. He suggested that the ACP may wish to research and comment on this bill. Vice Chair Quittman expressed interest in learning more about the bill. Ms. Farag noted that the public hearing on the bill is scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup> and will be scheduled for a joint Public Safety and Government Operations & Fiscal Policy worksession at a later date. Ms. Farag explained current County policies regarding interaction with federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- Vice Chair González, Vice Chair Quittman, and Ms. Branson will review this bill and discuss possible recommendations for the Commission in advance of the January meeting.

**VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.**