



## MEETING MINUTES

Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

7:30am – 9:00am

***In Person Location:*** *Executive Office Building*

*(101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850)*

*Auditorium (Located on the Lobby Level of the Building)*

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***Virtual:*** [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

*Or call in (audio only):* [+1 443-692-5768,,108242293#](#)

*Phone conference ID:* 108 242 293#

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**Members Present:** Maxwell Uy, Marcus Jones, Kurt van der Walde, John Nesky, Ben Stevenson, Kathryn Pontzer, Rolando Santiago, Dawn Luedtke, Eric Schneider, Florence Jewell, Stefan LoBuglio, Richard Madaleno, Marielsa Bernard, *Earl Stoddard (Staff)*, *Lindsay Bolt (Minute Taker)*

(Online)-John McCarthy, Jeff Waldstreicher, Debra Grandy, James Bonifant, Dira Treadvance

**Members Absent:** William Sollod, Gail Roper, Mark Sroka, Antonio DeVaul, Victor Brito, Darryl McSwain, Michael Beach, Karen Bushell, Sherri Koch, Pamela Wheeler-Taylor

**Guests:** Nate Fee, S.A. Flynn, Susan Farag, Sarah Wolf, Martha Danner, Danielle Siggers, Ivan Downing, Bryson Evans, Arnecia Moody, Lisa Mandel-Trupp, Tracy Liberman, Kisha Davis, Tamera Bulla, Tracy McDonald,

### 1. General Business

Sheriff Max Uy, CJCC Chair

#### **Summary**

- Review of 9/27/2023 Agenda and Minutes for approval

#### **Action:**

- Board voted (*17 Yes, 0 No*) to Approve 9/27/2023 Agendas and Minutes (Dawn Luedtke/2<sup>nd</sup> Kathryn Pontzer)

### 2. Agency Updates

- Circuit Court (Judge Bonifant)
  - Their report shows 23,000 matters processed; 8,000 reopened/15,000 new

- Judge Wilkinson's murder reminded everyone of the important but dangerous job our judges and other court officials have.
  - Judge Bonifant reported that they are currently in the process of increasing security in Courts
- Department of Health and Human Services (Dr. Kisha Davis, Public Health officer)
  - Currently working on the Youth Safety Initiative and interested to learn more from this group
- State's Attorney's Office (John McCarthy)
  - Legislation is needed for protection of Judge's private info (home address, things like that); McCarthy is also looking into shielding info of his prosecutors
- MCPD (Chief Jones)
  - MCPD is supporting the Capital and Metro police when these high profile events such as the Pro Israel march in DC occurs
  - Juvenile Crime and Auto Theft continue to be on the rise; we are currently at 2,800 stolen cars over 1,100 last year. This activity falls directly in line with continued Truancy issues for our youth (school age)
  - Lt Kepp is still in Shock Trauma but in great spirits given the circumstances (lost both legs in the line of duty due to an extremely reckless driver). Chief Jones noted that the officers on the scene saved Lt. Kepp's life by applying 2 tourniquets.

### 3. General Discussion around Agency Updates

- Earl asked folks (MCPD mainly) how the additional traffic dockets in District Court/changes to the amount of days an officer must be in Court is going?
  - Chief Jones notes that they are working with the District Court; increases in Overtime
  - As an Example, if a DUI is thrown out due to an Officer no show, the family could technically make a complaint to the Police Accountability Board
  - McCarthy is tracking DUI dismissals due to Officer no show as it could be a Public Safety concern
- Earl noted for folks that the County Executive has talked to the Governor about the need for legislative changes to our Reckless Driving laws (currently proceeding intervention is limited); looking at the potential of following Virginia's "Extreme Reckless Driving" legislation that would allow incarceration
- Chief Administrative Officer, Richard Madaleno noted that Montgomery County should be proud of:
  - How quickly our MCPD is closing homicide cases
  - The New Drone as 1<sup>st</sup> Responder program will go live 11/20/2023 in Silver Spring/Wheaton

- The County Executive has been aggressive in his request for local government to take advantage of Federal Funding; MCPD recently won Federal Funding to update their Crime Labs
- Multiple members discussed the need for legislative changes, holding youth accountable and all agreed that this is not just a police issue but rather it must be a Community approach
- Councilmember Luedtke noted she attended the 11/8 House Judiciary Committee briefing on Juvenile Justice and where the holes are
- Vice Chair, Kurt asked whether the CJCC should make a public statement regarding Truancy being a Public Safety concern?
- Discussion around whether a MCPS Board of Education member should be part of the CJCC membership? Members hope we can also get a Maryland Department of Juvenile Services rep back on the committee soon (*CJCC Staff will reengage with the State to request a Representative*)

*Several resources to review per the conversation today:*

- [Briefing: Attendance and Truancy in MCPS](#)
- <https://www.thebaltimorebanner.com/criminal-justice/auto-thefts/>
- <https://www.marylandmatters.org/2023/11/10/lawmakers-assess-whether-juvenile-services-are-effective-but-law-enforcement-could-help-too/>

#### 4. Subcommittee Discussion

##### **Summary**

- CJCC Staff circulated a google form between the Sept and Nov CJCC meeting to gauge member interest in what Subcommittees (Standing (year round) and Special (as needed)) should be reviewed
  - 17 members responded and the #1 Standing Subcommittee topic of interest to them was Legislative
    - This Subcommittee would look at developing an understanding of prior legislative changes at the State and Local level in conjunction with understanding of relevant Supreme Court decisions impacting the following areas, and track ongoing legislative changes at the County, State and Federal level:
      - Juvenile Justice
      - Behavioral Health, Substance Use Disorder & Sequential Intercept Model
      - Victims Services
      - Domestic Violence
      - Judiciary
      - Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry
  - 17 members responded that the #1 Special Subcommittee topic of interest to them was Juvenile Justice Trends

- This Subcommittee would:
  - Establish a schedule for convening meetings
  - Rely upon input from MCPS, MCPD, Sheriff and municipal police departments, SAO, and data sources to analyze trends in juvenile crime from the 2018-2019 school year to the present
  - Gather appropriate data to determine what may be shown, what may be a gap in data collection/information, and make recommendations
  - Produce a summary report of the work of the CJCC for review and approval on or before Dec 1, 2024 before submitting to the Council and County Executive within thirty (30) days of the public body's approval
- Earl thanked everyone for the discussion and said that as we were running long on time, we will continue this discussion at our Jan 2024 meeting but we all would need to be mindful of what our Judges are allowed to be apart of
  - Earl noted that if we move forward with a Legislative Standing Subcommittee that we would look to include a member from the Office of Intergovernmental Relations and potentially other non CJCC traditional members.

*Public Members raised the need for us to review how we can be sharing information with the larger public, whether that be through additional resources on our [CJCC Website](#) such as the [State's Attorney's Prosecution Data Dashboard](#) and the [Reimaging Public Safety Dashboard](#) or by including "Hot Topics" for the public to be aware of from a CJCC perspective. Noted the [DC CJCC website](#) as a potential benchmark.*

5. Wrap-Up and Adjourn

Sheriff Max Uy, CJCC Chair

- Kurt (2023 Vice Chair and Chair for the 2024 session) thanked Sheriff Uy (2023 Chair) for his leadership during the past year; Sheriff Uy will continue as a CJCC member in his Sheriff capacity
- Earl noted for folks that a Government representative from the CJCC would need to be nominated and approved by the CJCC for the Vice Chair seat; Government Members of the CJCC should reach out to Earl if you are interested
- Motion to close the meeting; adjourned at 9:00am

*Next Full Commission Meeting: Wednesday, January 24, 2024  
7:30am-9am*

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***Auditorium & Virtual*** via Microsoft Teams link