

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

Police Accountability Board (PAB) Thursday, April 20, 2023 7:00pm – 9:00pm

In Person Location: East County Regional Service Center (3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904)

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Virtual Option: Zoom Link to Register

**Attendees:** Bishop Paul Walker (Chair), Ken Kellner (Vice Chair), George Lluberes (Parliamentarian), Alicia Hudson, Chris Zatratz, Alvin "Greg" McCray, Rudy Logan, Katharine "Kate" Manning, Chuck Williams, Fatmata Barrie (*staff*), *Lindsay Bolt* (*Staff*, *Minute Taker*)

#### **Absent Board Members:**

# of General Public (nonmember) Attendees: 23

1. Call to Order

## **Summary:**

- The Chair announced to all, that this meeting was being recorded and live streamed on the (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/MoCoPAB">https://www.facebook.com/MoCoPAB</a>) MoCoPAB Facebook page
- 2. Review/Approve of 4/13 Agenda & Minutes

## **Actions:**

- Board voted (7 Yes, 0 No) to approve the 4/13/23 meeting agenda and minutes
- 3. Staff Report

### **Summary:**

- The Executive Director to the PAB, Fatmata Barrie, gave a report to the PAB members about the status of ongoing work being done on their behalf/things to be aware of
  - Special Legal Counsel: Fatmata is in contact with a female attorney who may be interested in serving as the Special Legal Counsel
  - Fatmata testified during the Council Budget session; Council seemed amenable to additional budget resources PAB/ACC may need in the future

#### 4. Old Business

### **Summary:**

- The Board discussed the letter they are currently drafting regarding the local law enforcement agencies compliance with the Maryland Police Accountability Act. The Board is seeking clarification from each agency, how they are implementing the citizen complaint process within their agency.
- The Board asked for an update on the 1 pager they requested from the staff, that would describe the Police Accountability Board and its functions; this would be a handout that could be given to the public at future PAB meetings/events

## 5. Special Guest

## **Summary:**

- The Chair introduced Councilmember Will Jawando to discuss the STEP Act Bill
  - Councilmember Jawando noted that there is a Public Hearing scheduled for April 25 at 7pm, and currently there are over 30 people who have signed up to Testify <u>Link to view Public Hearing (Link was added after the PAB meeting)</u>
  - Councilmember Jawando provided a brief overview of the STEP Act Bill including the goal of the Bill which is to address inequitable, disproportionate treatment of black and brown residents by Police in traffic enforcement. Focusing our police on the urgent public safety needs of the County, like speeding/reckless driving/drunk driving etc.
- The Board members and General public asked questions of the Councilmember as it related to the STEP Act Bill
  - Councilmember Jawando noted that this Bill is a conversation starter, the bill can be amended as the conversation continues. But that we all (Police/County/Residents) should want to know the data

Note: Not every single question, comment or concern is noted within these minutes. For a full record of this meeting, please visit the <u>Montgomery County Police Accountability Board FaceBook</u> (Recording was posted April 20, 2023 at 7:03pm)

# 6. Announcements

#### **Summary:**

- One of the Board members highlighted that Montgomery County's "Greenfest" events are happening this weekend, April 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more details, check out: https://montgomerycountygreenfest.org/
- 7. Adjournment

Bishop Paul Walker, Chair

Next PAB Meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2023 (7pm-9pm)
In Person Location: TBD
&
Virtual via Zoom link