



MEETING MINUTES

Police Accountability Board (PAB)

Thursday, February 23, 2023

7:00pm – 8:15pm

*In Person Location: Wheaton Community Recreation Center
(11701 Georgia Ave, Wheaton, MD 20902) Meeting Room B/#2*

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Virtual Option: [Microsoft Teams link](#)

Meeting ID: 293 877 308 901

Passcode: ibmvP8

Or call in (audio only): [+1 443-692-5768](tel:+14436925768).,837203353#

Phone Conference ID: 837 203 353#

Attendees: Bishop Paul Walker (Chair), Ken Kellner (Vice Chair), George Lluberes (Parliamentarian), Chuck Williams, Alicia Hudson, Chris Zatrutz, Alvin “Greg” McCray, Fatmata Barrie (*staff*), *Lindsay Bolt (Staff, Minute Taker)*

Absent Board Members: Katharine “Kate” Manning, Rudy Logan

of General Public (nonmember) Attendees: 2

1. Call to Order
2. Review/Approve of 2/9/2023 Agenda & Minutes

Actions:

- Board voted (7 Yes, 0 No) to approve the 2/9 meeting agenda and minutes

3. Request Approval of the January 2023 Complaint Report

Summary:

- The board requested staff to add a section to the monthly complaint reports (February 2023 forward) that would show, of the number of Eligible cases received by the PAB so far, how many have been transmitted to the ACC for review

Actions:

- Board voted (7 Yes, 0 No) to approve the January 2023 Complaint Report and for the Staff to add a section to the monthly complaint reports move forward (February 2023 forward) that would show, of the number of Eligible cases received by the PAB so far, how many have been transmitted to the ACC for review

4. 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
 - Updates to the PAB Website
 - Adding a [Public Comment Form](#) in which the public can provide comment about topics they wish for the PAB to review/provide comment on. Comments can remain anonymous (Note: The Public Comment form is separate from [Filing a Complaint](#) of Police Misconduct)
 - Added a link to sign up for the future PAB Newsletter
 - Added Social Media handles for the Public to follow the PAB (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube)
 - During the [Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission](#) Meeting on 2/22/2023 there was discussion around the Biannual Mental Health Assessment of Police Officers
 - PAB may want to review what the legislation requires and that due to no additional funding being provided to create this process, if the PAB should provide recommendations to the County Executive and County Council on the need for funding so a more extensive process could be established
 - Discussion around creating a process for how the PAB wants to review/respond to Legislation in the General Assembly
 - Update on the Special Legal Counsel for the PAB/ACC
 - Asked the PAB to consider standing days/times for Subcommittee meetings so they can be publicly advertised, and staff can create meetings/links/attend

Actions:

- The Chair asked for the topic of the Bi-Annual Mental Health Assessments for Police Officers to be added to a future PAB meeting for discussion

5. Public Comments

Summary:

- The PAB is interested in hearing from the public about any questions they might have regarding the PAB's work, comments about what the PAB should be looking into, and how we can all work towards more transparency, more accountability, and more trust with law enforcement in our communities
 - The PAB offered the floor to any public members to speak for 2 minutes and then the PAB would review/respond or follow back up on the topic at a future PAB meeting

Public Member #1:

- Requested information from the PAB as to whether the PAB has received any public complaints to date
- Requested information as to where the PAB is with the review process of any complaints received
- Asked the PAB members how they are feeling about the work they are doing

PAB Response to Public Member #1

- The public can access all approved Monthly Complaint Reports for the PAB in the [Reports Section](#) of their website
- The Police Accountability Board does not review the investigative files pertaining to any public complaint received by the PAB. This is the responsibility of the Administrative Charging Committee.
 - PAB has requested staff to add a section to their monthly complaint reports (February 2023 forward) that would show, of the number of Eligible cases received by the PAB so far, how many have been transmitted to the ACC for review
 - The PAB clarified what they are responsible for- reviewing trends/policies that affect the community regarding policing, police accountability, and police misconduct.
 - The Administrative Charging Committee is responsible for reviewing the investigative files of any public complaint made in which is eligible under the legislation and determining whether the Police Officer should be Administratively Charged or Not regarding their actions
- The PAB thanked the member for their comments and will continue to make and take opportunities to make the public aware of the work of the PAB on their behalf

Public Member #2:

- Provided updates to the PAB members for consideration of the following legislation:
 - [SB 285](#)
 - [SB 409](#) (same House bill HB 518)
 - Noted PAB should watch/review Councilmember Jawando's Traffic Bill being introduced on 2/28 Council Session
 - Asked PAB to review their additional comments that were emailed to the mocopab@montgomerycountymd.gov email address

PAB Response to Public Member #2

- The PAB thanked the member for their comments and will review the legislation and other comments noted

6. Unfinished Business

Summary:

- The PAB continued to discuss their review of the local law enforcement agencies websites and whether their websites were easy to navigate when looking to make a complaint about the agency or an officer
- Staff read to the PAB a draft letter which could be used, to be sent to complainants when their complaint is defined as ineligible for PAB/ACC review
- The PAB continued their discussion around the Public Listening Session they will host on March 23, 2023. Staff continues to push this forward

Actions:

- Board voted (7 Yes, 0 No) to have Chris, Greg and Ken draft a letter to the local law enforcement agencies regarding the PAB's recommendations for making their website easier to navigate when looking to make a complaint about the agency or an officer
- Board requested staff to post the draft letter on their internal SharePoint for the PAB members to be able to review
- **Board voted (7 Yes, 0 No) to table the remainder of the 2/23/2023 agenda due to the facility in which the meeting was being hosted, closing at 9pm**

7. Adjournment

Bishop Paul Walker, Chair

Next PAB Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2023 (7pm-8:15pm)

In Person Location: TBD

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Virtual via Microsoft Teams link