



MEETING MINUTES

Police Accountability Board (PAB)

Thursday, March 9, 2023

7:00pm – 8:15pm

*In Person Location: Longwood Community Recreation Center
(19300 Georgia Ave, Brookeville, MD 20833) **Conference Room***
&

Virtual Option: [Microsoft Teams link](#)

Meeting ID: 293 877 308 901

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Phone Conference ID: 837 203 353#

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

Absent Board Members:

of General Public (nonmember) Attendees: 6

1. Call to Order

Summary:

- The Chair announced to all, that this meeting was being recorded and live streamed on the (<https://www.facebook.com/MoCoPAB>) MoCoPAB Facebook page

2. Review/Approve of 2/23/2023 Agenda & Minutes

Actions:

- Board voted (8 Yes, 0 No) to approve the 2/23 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
 - Recording and Live Stream is functional- please share the [MoCoPAB Facebook](#) page with your networks

- Special Legal Counsel for the PAB/ACC is still in process of being found by the Office of the County Attorney
 - Legislation requires OCA to find someone, bring them in front of Council for Council approval
 - PAB Social Media accounts are up and running, PAB members should “like it/share it” ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#))
 - PAB Logo is official, still working on graphics for announcements
 - The Public Listening Session is confirmed for 3/23 (7pm); 2 councilmembers plan to attend so far
 - Quarterly Chiefs meeting with the PAB -3/30 (7pm); Executive Office Building Auditorium (101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD -Lobby level of the building)
 - Staff made a request of local Law Enforcement Agencies to share with the PAB and ACC, access to Local Law Enforcement Regulations/Policies regarding Police Conduct/Misconduct.
- The Board inquired when they would receive the monthly Complaint Report of any complaints received from the public of police misconduct as they thought the report would be included within the Staff Report section of the agenda this evening.
 - Staff’s role is to ensure what the legislation mandates/is complied with. In review of the Legislation, the monthly report from the local law enforcement agencies of any complaints they received, is to be reported to the ACC (not the PAB)

Actions:

- Board voted (*8 Yes, 0 No*) to table the discussion on the PAB receiving monthly Complaint reports until we have an independent (Special legal counsel) review.

4. 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 did not receive any comments through their “[Community Comment Form](#)” which is posted on the PAB website

5. Unfinished Business

Summary:

- **The Board reviewed several proposed General Assembly legislations**
 - SB285 which would give local PABs authority to conduct their own investigations concurrently with local law enforcement agencies. Furthering the PAB independence.
 - With regard to PAB independence; the Board discussed the strong desire for the PAB to vet their own outside independent special legal counsel vs it

being vetted by the Office of the County Attorney (could be a conflict of interest as they also advise the Police)

- **The Board discussed the 3/23 Public Listening Session format/logistics**
 - Staff is in the process of getting a Zoom link, so the public can Pre-register, provide comments ahead of the meeting
 - Staff will disseminate information to Regional Service Center Directors, the Office of Community Partnerships, County Executive, County Council and the PAB Website/Social Channels to get the word out about this event
 - 3/23 Proposed Program/Run of Show
 - Welcome from the PAB
 - Intro of the PAB and its members
 - Intro of the Councilmembers in attendance
 - Public Listening Session
 - Members of the public who have pre-registered, or made questions/comments on the [Community Comment Form](#), their questions/comments will be read for PAB review/response
 - Members of the public will be given 90 secs to present their question, comment, concern to the PAB. Members should expect the PAB to listen and may provide response, or need time to review and provide response at a later time during a future PAB meeting
- **The Board discussed the 3/30 Quarterly Chiefs meeting format/logistics**
 - Board requested staff to ask all local law enforcement chiefs if there are any questions they have of the PAB, to provide those to the PAB on 3/20 (ahead of the meeting) so a discussion could be had
 - The Board will provide questions to the local law enforcement chiefs on 3/20, with a request to have Chiefs' responses by 3/27 so a discussion could be had on 3/30
 - 3/30 Proposed Program/Run of Show
 - Welcome from the PAB
 - Intro of the PAB and its members
 - Intro of local Law Enforcement agencies
 - PAB field Chief Questions
 - Chiefs field PAB Questions
 - Board discussed standing meetings for Quarterly Chief meetings for the remainder of the year; potentially doing smaller groups of chiefs at each quarterly meeting
- **The Board discussed the [ELEFA](#) briefing of their [final audit of the Montgomery County Police Department \(Recorded Briefing\)](#)**
 - Board thanked ELEFA for the Briefing
 - A discussion arose for the PAB around the ELEFA audit not having complaints from the public, in the scope of work for ELE4A. Understanding complaints over time should be part of PAB analysis (to understand trends for complaints from the public).

Actions:

- Board voted (8 Yes, 0 No) to table the investigatory powers discussion for the PAB (SB285), to a later date
- Board voted (8 Yes, 0 No) to have staff request of the Office of the County Attorney, disclosure of the criteria being used to evaluate the PAB/ACC Special Legal Counsel.
- Board voted (9 Yes, 0 No) to have staff ask all local law enforcement chiefs if there are any questions they have of the PAB, to provide those to the PAB on 3/20 (ahead of the meeting) so a discussion could be had. The Board will provide questions to the local law enforcement chiefs on 3/20, with a request to have Chiefs' responses by 2/27 so a discussion could be had on 3/30
- Board voted (9 Yes, 0 No) to suggest last Thursday of the last month of the Quarter (June, September and December)
- Board voted (9 Yes, 0 No) to have staff request records of complaints (for the past 3 year/aggregated), including the # of complaint by members of the public, the resolution (the discipline imposed), including demographics of the folks involved-in aggregate form; from each local law enforcement agency

6. New Business

Summary:

- **The Board discussed Councilmember Jawando's [STEP Act Bill](#)**
 - The PAB can provide comment to the County Executive and County Council if the Board chooses to do so.

Actions:

- Board voted (9 Yes, 0 No) to request Councilmember Jawando speak to his Bill with the PAB at an April PAB meeting.

7. Announcements

- **Public Listening Session-** March 23 (7-9pm) – HYBRID -*Zoom link coming soon*
In Person Location: **White Oak Community Recreation Center (Social Hall)**
- **Quarterly Chiefs Meeting-** March 30 (7-9pm) – HYBRID -*Zoom link coming soon*
In Person Location: **Executive Office Building (Auditorium)**

8. Adjournment

Bishop Paul Walker, Chair

Next PAB Meeting- the 1st Public Listening Session: Thursday, March 23, 2023 (7pm-8:15pm)

In Person Location: *White Oak Community Recreation Center*
(1700 April Ln, Silver Spring, MD 20904) Social Hall
&
Virtual *via Microsoft Teams link*