



MEETING MINUTES

Police Accountability Board (PAB)

Thursday, September 21, 2023

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

*In-Person Location: Longwood Community Recreation Center
(119300 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville, MD 20833)*

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Virtual Option: [Zoom Link to Register](#)

Attendees: Bishop Walker (Chair), Ken Kellner (Vice Chair), Chuck Williams, George Lluberes (Parliamentarian), Katharine “Kate” Manning, Rudy Logan, Shelly Brown (Special Legal Counsel), Fatmata Barrie (*staff*), Laura Byers *staff*, *Minute Taker*)

Absent Board Members: Alvin McCray, Chris Zatrutz

of General Public (nonmember) Attendees: 1

1. Call to Order

Summary:

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

2. Approve of 8/3/2023 and 9/7/23 Minutes and Action Items.

Motion to approve August 3, 2023 minutes - Approved (6 Yes/0 No)

Motion to approve September 7, 2023 minutes – Approved (6 Yes/0 No)

Motion to amend the agenda to move the staff reports to later of meeting - Approved (6 Yes/0 No)

3. Staff Report

Summary:

The PAB staff provided the following updates:

- Provide an update September 7 action item regarding data collection should be completed and uploaded around September 25.
- Discuss the new bill and replacement of youth seats. The bill will go to committee by October 2nd.
- Creating a document on SharePoint to prioritize information and requests from ad-hoc.

Action Item: PAB staff will send a link to the PAC testimony and hearing to PAB members. (PAB staff)

Action Item: To post PAB responses on the website with the removal of all private information and all future correspondences. (PAB staff)

4. Unfinished Business

Members provided an update on the Drone and Police Responder Program event hosted by the Montgomery County Department of Police on September 12th at the Wheaton library. The presentation covered police intentions with drones and experiments to test in Silver Spring, Wheaton, and East County areas. The mission is to have drones respond to 911 calls and convey findings to the law enforcement agency to promote de-escalation and assist with proper police action.

- The estimated number of attendees was 100.
- The program received favorable approval with the rise in crime and policing.
- Some concerns were expressed regarding privacy and how it will be treated.

Questions submitted by fellow board members:

- Are we prepared to request additional reports or is this a new project?
 - Answer: New project that hasn't started
- Are there case studies:
 - Answer: Site visits and expertise
- When sending a drone will LEA refrain from sending in officers based on the information received?
- Is there a rise in specific crimes that raises fears and are there other de-escalation methods that will be used instead of drone? What is the limitation of the drone?
- Will the drone record crimes in progress as well as police activity?
- How do we balance citizens privacy?

Action Item: To request the PowerPoint presentation used at the Sept 12 event for PAB review.

Table conversation of LEAs questions regarding Drone for Quarterly Chiefs meeting.

Action Item: The vice-chair will write up an official request and share it with board members.

Ad-hoc Committees:

Listening Tour – Has met with two organizations and is currently working with PAB staff to obtain additional dates to meet with a variety of organizations.

- Question: When will the draft report be submitted?
 - Answer: A draft report will be submitted before the end of the year. Although the ad-hoc has enough information, they would like to capture different feedback from organizations within the community.

Body Worn Camera (BWC) – Understanding policies and regulations across jurisdictions and utilizing, the platform to determine if recommendations should be put forth to LEAs for training, efficiency, and detection of early warning signals. The goal is to have a report by the end of the year.

- Question: Will the report contain details of when BWC is activated and how video is archived or treated?
 - The report will not focus on usage details. The focus is to assess the technology and response time for LEA.

Uniformity of Complaint forms – Work with a fellow staff member to include important categories such as race, gender, and birth year. The report will be presented to the board before a request is made to the PAB staff.

Mental Health, De-escalation, traffic equity – Researching information and working with the Listening Committee to gather feedback from the community.

MPAA – Will review the completed report and submit feedback.

Bills and Legislation -Discuss the status of collecting bills from PAB staff for review and issue guidance.

Action Item: To move the “draft OLO” to unfinished business.

Members discussed the following regarding OLO PAC Bill and stated the following based on the review of information:

- Reviewed the difference between the PAB and PAC missions. Focus on youth and concern of removing youth and replacing them with law enforcement and the precedence of youth votes on public safety. Due to the opposing interests of homeowners and people harmed by the police, the PAB needs to address police misconduct and foster a transformative way of handling public safety.

- Discussed submitting a response, reference, or opinion and determining the purpose and priority. Members voice the following:
 - The PAB should refrain from opinion and under state mandates the PAB needs to focus on state legislation.
 - Make comments on OLO as done with STEP-Act and future legislation that pertains to the public voice.

5. New Business

6. Public Comments - [Chat Comments](#)

7. Announcements

Upcoming Pan African festival on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at the Silver Spring Civic Center and Friendship picnic on Sunday, September 24, 2023.

The September 28th Quarterly Chiefs meeting will be held at Bethesda Chevy Chase Regional Center located at 4805 Edgemoor Lane Suite 100, Bethesda, MD 20814 from 7 -9 pm.

8. Adjournment

Bishop Paul Walker, Chair