



MEETING MINUTES

Police Accountability Board (PAB)
Thursday, February 1, 2024
Wheaton Community Recreation Center
11701 Georgia Avenue, Activity Room, Wheaton, MD 20902
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Virtual: [Zoom Link to Register](#)

Attendees: Bishop Walker (Chair), Ken Kellner (Vice Chair), Alicia Hudson, George Lluberes (Parliamentarian), Alvin McCray, Katharine “Kate” Manning, Chris Zatrutz, Chuck Williams, Shelly Brown (Special Legal Counsel), Fatmata Barrie (*staff*), Laura Byers *staff, minute taker*)

Presenter: Dr. Earl Stoddard

of General Public (nonmember) Attendees: 3

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. Approval of 1/18/2024 Minutes and Action Items and 2/1//2024 Agenda. Approved (6 Yes/0 No)

Motion to amend the meeting minutes to change the review of Bill 43-23 from:

“The vice-chair noted support for the legislation from clinicians and others was presented at the county expressed disagreement due to inconsistency with the information presented at the county hearing and the testimony of witnesses. It was noted there was strong justification and rationale expressing the importance of Clinicians and how calls are handled”. to

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3. Staff Report

Summary:

Staff provided the January monthly complaint reports.

The Executive Director provided an update on action items from the January 18 meeting and discussed the following:

- Members were informed that Bill 43-23 will be reviewed on Monday, February 5 with DHHS and public safety from 1:30- 4:30.
- No additional trial board applicants.
- The Law Enforcement Bill of Rights was repealed with the MPAA and the officers' records are not expunged and exonerated charges will remain in officer files.
- Provided clarification that the Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) is not a hearing board. The ACC reviews investigative files, and the Trial board conducts hearings.
- Discussed the Senate Bill 608 and House Bill that addresses the language, start date, and holding officers accountable related to the “Year and a day rule.” The Senate Bill includes language to include internal complaints that are not reviewed by the ACC because it doesn’t involve a member of the public. The Executive Director provided a recommendation to change the “Year and a day” language from the date a complaint is filed to the administrative date the ACC receives the case.

Action Item: PAB staff will submit a draft recommendation letter to Kate Manning and Ken Kellner for review.

4. Public Comments

Dr. Earl Stoddard, the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer from the County Executive Office discussed the concept of Bill 43-23 to address the PAB questions presented to the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and the Law Enforcement Department and clarify all positions. A brief discussion noting the concept of CIT and the county's contention, position, and best practices to involve clinician LED. It was mentioned that some calls will require a joint response from clinicians and police officers. This collaboration will help police officers to quickly bring clinicians to the location, and the clinicians will guide the officers on the appropriate response. Additionally, it is suggested that joint training should be conducted to improve current policies and practices further. The County Executive Office is exploring utilizing a specialized team of individuals with extensive training and working with the Department of Health and Human Services to respond when LEA is not necessary and not required by the State of Maryland. The following sections of the bill are being opposed:

- Prioritizing the CIT model over the continuum and any prioritization should be a civilian-only response.
- The activity identified in Bill is not being performed due to resources and the inability to hire clinicians.
- The composition of the current committee doesn’t reflect the prioritization of civilian response. (The County Executive Office is currently working to modify the committee with the bill sponsor.

Dr. Stoddard explained the work session, potential modifications, and expectations of the passing of the bill and shared appreciation to Councilmember Luedtke for bringing attention to the bill and bridging the gap between health services and Law Enforcement Departments.

Question and Comments topics included:

- Response and urgency needed from PAB,
- Response time to mental health calls,
- LEA protocols as they relate to MCOT,
- Coordination and hiring of clinician teams,
- Modification of training to LEA,
- Organizations that submitted testimonies and protection of people of color.

Note: Not every single question, comment, or concern is noted within these minutes. For a full record of the listening session, please visit the [Montgomery County Police Accountability Board FaceBook](#) (The recording was posted February 1, 2024. Start time – 43 minutes)

PAB members interested in Ride-along can be scheduled by sending an email to Dr. Stoddard and Lindsay Bolt.

5. Unfinished Business

We discussed this in public comments.

6. New Business

Motion to table action item new business (8 Yes/0 No).

7. Announcements

The next PAB meeting is on February 15, 2024, the location has not been confirmed and will be shared later.

8. Adjournment

Bishop Paul Walker, Chair