

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT Police Accountability Board

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2024 Location: 9200 Basil Court, Suite 400, Largo, Maryland 20774 6:43p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Kelvin Davall, Vice Chair Carlo Sanchez, Earl O'Neal, Tamika Springs, Daniel Vergamini

Virtual Board Members Present: Shelia Bryant, Dr. Andrea Coleman, Keenon James, Lafayette Melton

Member(s) Absent: Marsha Ridley, Daniel Armando Jones

Staff Present: Denise Hall, Program Administrator; Ebony Rorls, Program Administrator, Christal Ogene, Policy Analyst, Tangi Allen, Program Associate; Ashley Ritter, Administrative Aide, Keona Savoy, General Clerk

Consultant Present: Marva Jo Camp, Legal Counsel

Guest(s): N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kelvin Davall called the meeting to order at 6:43p.m. Roll Call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February 13, 2023, meeting were tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee Meeting Update

Chair Kelvin Davall, Vice Chair Carlo Sanchez shared a slide show presentation of the past, current and future initiatives of the Police Accountability Board. Attorney Marva Jo Camp participated in the presentation. Shelia Bryant, Daniel Armando Jones and Police Accountability Board staff were in attendance. The Police Accountability Board received excellent feedback from Committee Members. Chair Davall will send a link to the Committee Hearing to the Board.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Marva Jo Camp, Legal Counsel, advised that updates to the Strategic Plan have been incorporated, in consultation with Chair Davall. The final version will be sent to the Board by March 1, 2024.



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Anne Arundel PAB Response

Christal Ogene, Policy Analyst, shared a proposed response letter to Maryland General Assembly Delegate Kym Taylor regarding Anne Arundel County's Police Accountability Board's recommendations with the Board for review and approval. A motion to approve the letter was offered by Earl O'Neal and seconded by Daniel Vergamini. The motion passed: Ayes: 8; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 1; Absent: 2

Marva Jo Camp advised that the approved letter must be submitted to the County Executive and County Council to approve the transmittal of the letter. Marva Jo Camp inquired how the Chair would like to proceed regarding inquiries from the Maryland General Assembly and/or other requests. The Board discussed how correspondence from the Police Accountability Board is to be handled.

Data Analysis Addendum to Annual Report

Dr. Andrea Coleman advised that updates suggested during the previous PAB meeting have been incorporated into the Addendum to the Annual Report. Dr. Coleman will send the final the Addendum to Staff.

Power Point Presentation

Chair Davall advised that the PowerPoint presentation used in the County Council Committee Hearing will be used for community outreach. Additional slides may be added. The Chair will send the presentation to Board Members for review and feedback. Shelia Bryant also created a PowerPoint presentation that she will send to the Board for review and feedback.

Case Review Update

Vice Chair Sanchez advised that the Board will resume reviewing cases finalized by the Administrative Charging Committee. The Board will use the current Case Review Form to capture data and amend the form as needed. Vice Chair Sanchez will review the list of cases and assign three (3) cases to each Board Member to present to the full Board at the next meeting.

Greenbelt Meeting Request

Chair Davall and Keenon James previously scheduled meeting was delayed due to technical difficulties. Chair Davall and Mr. James are scheduled to meet tomorrow, February 29, 2024, to discuss meeting with Greenbelt Police Department.

Administrative Hearing Board Appointments

Dr. Andrea Coleman suggested that the Board vote on the vetting process and interview questions to move the Administrative Hearing Board process forward. Ebony Rorls, Program Administrator, advised the Board that pending Administrative Hearing Board candidates have been contacted to determine if they are still interested in serving on the Administrative Hearing Board. Sixteen (16) candidates indicated that they are still interested. She is waiting to hear back from twelve (12) candidates by March 1, 2024.



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Keenon James inquired about the verification aspects for each candidate that should be determined before interviews are conducted. Chair Davall indicated that a modified version of the County Executive's vetting process will be utilized. Tangi Allen will send a similar version of the Appointee Data form used by the Office of the County Executive by tomorrow, February 29, 2024, for Board review and editing. The Board will respond to staff with feedback on the Appointee Data Form within one day. Board Members will also review the candidates' letters of interest and resumes prior to the next meeting. The finalized Police Accountability Board Appointee Data form will be sent to candidates to complete before interviews. Candidates will also advise if they are available to attend the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission training in April.

The Board discussed the interview process and interview dates. The Board decided to interview at least six candidates for the Administrative Hearing Board. Other candidates will remain in the pool for future consideration. Candidates will be interviewed on March 13, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

Outreach - March 27th Event

Vice Chair Sanchez reminded the Board that a large-scale outreach event is scheduled on March 27, 2024. Vice Chair Sanchez asked if any Board Members would like to participate in planning the event alongside himself and Tangi Allen. Planning meetings will start next week via zoom or phone call. Tamika Springs, Earl O'Neal and Shelia Bryant offered to join planning efforts. Vice Chair Sanchez will send zoom information to the planning team.

Legislative Updates/One Pagers

Christal Ogene is monitoring pertinent legislation on behalf of the Board. Ms. Ogene provided the Board with One-Pagers summarizing legislation being heard in the Maryland General Assembly and also created a folder in the shared drive to house important legislative documents to keep the Board abreast of upcoming hearings, requests for public comments, etc. Marva Jo Camp asked the Chair to speak with the County about the appropriate process Board Members should follow when providing oral or written testimony to State or local bodies. The Chair and Marva Jo Camp will contact the County about appropriate testimony protocols by Friday, March 1, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quarterly Meetings with Police Chiefs - Scheduling

Ebony Rorls reminded the Board that quarterly meetings between the Board and Police Chiefs should occur on a quarterly basis. The end of the first quarter is March 30, 2024. The Board discussed various ways to meet with police chiefs throughout the County. The Board decided to invite at least 4 law enforcement agencies (all LEAs, divided by 4), at a time to satisfy the quarterly meeting mandate. Invitations will be sent to selected LEAs with a proposed meeting date of March 20, 2024. If a LEA is unable to attend that meeting, the invitation will be sent to a different agency. Discussion topics will be determined in advance.



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Prince George's County Coalition for Police Accountability

Denise Hall shared that the Prince George's County Coalition for Police Accountability (Coalition) has requested to meet with the Board. Daniel Vergamini recommended extending an invitation for the Coalition to meet with the PAB during the first meeting in April. Marva Jo Camp suggested that the Coalition be advised of the Community Outreach event on March 27, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Keenon James advised that incoming complaint data has not been updated to the Police Accountability Board website since October 2023. Mr. James indicated that the Board previously agreed to receive quarterly reports but recommends that reports be provided monthly. He also suggested that the website should be updated weekly.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was offered by Tamika Springs and seconded by Daniel Vergamini. Motion passed by a unanimous vote: Ayes - 9 Opposed - 0 Abstain - 0 Abstain - 2

The meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

NEXT MEETING

March 13, 2024 – In Person

Attachments: n/a

PAB Website: PAB Website

Meeting Recordings are available on PAB website: YouTube - Police Accountability Board Playlist