



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## Police Accountability Board

### OPEN MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2024

Location: 9200 Basil Court, Suite 400, Largo, Maryland 20774

6:38p.m. – 8:05 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Chair Kelvin Davall, Vice Chair Carlo Sanchez, Shelia Bryant, Dr. Andrea Coleman, Daniel Armando Jones, Earl O'Neal, Tamika Springs

**Virtual Board Members Present:** Keenon James, Lafayette Melton

**Member(s) Absent:** Marsha Ridley

**Staff Present:** Ebony Rorls, Program Administrator; Christal Ogene, Policy Analyst, Tangi Allen, Program Associate; Keona Savoy, General Clerk

**Consultant Present:** Marva Jo Camp, Esq., Legal Counsel

**Guest(s):** N/A

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### CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:38p.m. Roll Call was taken.

### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to Table the Minutes from April 10, 2024, was offered by Daniel Armando Jones. The Motion was seconded by Tamika Springs and passed by unanimous vote.

Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

### REPORTS AND UPDATES

#### **Legislative Updates**

Staff Member Christal Ogene advised that Juvenile Reform - HB814 legislation, which passed during the Maryland General Assembly, may have a fiscal and racial impact in Prince George's County. Background information will be placed in the shared drive for Board Members to review.

Christal Ogene shared the opinion and case summary from a 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit ruling regarding forcing arrestees to unlock their cellphones.

Governor Moore will sign or veto Maryland General Assembly legislation by May 30, 2024. Legal Counsel Marva Jo Camp requested a summary that highlights relevant public safety legislation for Board discussion during a June meeting.



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### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Policy Recommendation Process**

Staff Member Ogene requested that the Board to review six (6) policy recommendations. The Board reviewed the recommendations. (See attached recommendations) and will discuss in more depth at the net Board Meeting. Areas of discussion will include:

- Staff Member Ogene will draft on a letter for the Board to review and approval requesting that Internal Affairs divisions begin recording interviews;
- Legal Counsel Camp and Staff Member Ogene will research whether the Inspector General has a whistleblower policy
- Staff Member Ogene will provide the Board with draft language to change the Code to reflect the requirement for law enforcement agencies to submit written status reports to the PAB for each complaint received by the Agency or submitted to the PAB. Staff Member Ogene will check with the Montgomery County Police Accountability Board to determine if there have been any administrative issues regarding law enforcement agency complaints.

Staff Member Ogene recommended that the Board discuss shifting the PAB calendar from Gregorian to the County's fiscal calendar. The Board discussed the merits of changing the calendar. Staff Member Ogene will draft language proposing the change in the fiscal year for Board review.

Board Member Daniel Armando Jones reflected on the effectiveness of officer trainings and evaluations Board Member Jones suggested that the Board consider tracking the trainings and its effectiveness. The Chair recommended asking LEA leaders about approved trainings for officers in each agency.

#### **Case Review Update**

Vice Chair Sanchez advised the Board that one meeting a month will be designated for case reviews. Vice Chair Sanchez, and Board Members Tamika Springs, Andrea Coleman, and Armando Jones and Shelia Bryant volunteered to receive five (5) cases per person to review and present to the Board during the next Board meeting on May 8, 2024. Staff will send an email to the full Board advising which Board Member has been assigned to review and present cases at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Every Board Member is still encouraged to review each case.

#### **Quarterly Meetings with Police Chiefs – Scheduling**

Board Member Armando Jones distributed and discussed a proposed plan of quarterly meetings with law enforcement agency heads to be held on May 22, 2024.

Board Member Springs offered a motion to accept the plan of quarterly meetings with law enforcement agency heads. The motion was seconded by Board Member Bryant.

Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1



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Ten (10) law enforcement agency heads will be invited to the May 22, 2024 Quarterly Meeting with the Police Accountability Board. If a law enforcement agency head is unable to attend, an invitation will be extended to attend another quarterly meeting.

### **AHB Vetting Questions (Approval)**

The Board discussed Administrative Hearing Board questions.

Earl O'Neal offered a motion to approve the AHB Vetting Questions. The motion was seconded by Shelia Bryant.

Ayes: 8; Opposed: 1; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

Board Member Earl O'Neal inquired if the Board Members who conducted recent Administrative Hearing Board Civilian interviews would remain the same for future interviews. The Chair advised that any Board Member available to attend interviews can be present for future Administrative Hearing Board interviews.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Action Plan Dashboard**

Board Member Lafayette Melton created an Action Plan Dashboard as a guide to keep the Board on track with goals and measures set forth by the Strategic Plan. The Board reviewed, discussed and suggested edits to the Dashboard.

Board Member O'Neal offered a motion to approve the Action Plan Dashboard. The motion was seconded by Board Member Andrea Coleman.

Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

Board Member Keenon James inquired about how the Dashboard would be updated and whom would be responsible for updating the Dashboard. The Board will discuss which tasks would be assigned to individuals or subcommittees during the next meeting.

Legal Counsel Camp advised that there is an effort to have the Governor veto the Juvenile Justice Reform legislation. Staff Member Ogene informed Board that she created a link for the Board and Staff, which will contain her research regarding the legislation .

#### **Community and External Outreach**

Board Member Bryant attended a forum hosted by the Office of the County Executive, which addressed issues related to the LGBTQIA+ community. At the meeting, LGBTQIA+ representatives discussed the importance of pronouns, acronym definitions, discrimination, allyship and intervention. Board Member Bryant shared that there are policing concerns regarding sex work and an initiative to decriminalize sex work.



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### **Training and Education**

Program Administrator Ebony Rorls advised that the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission will host a one-day Police Accountability Board training on various dates throughout the State. Administrator Rorls requested that Board Members advise the date and time if plan to attend the training.

Staff Member Ogene advised that the travel and registration arrangements for the Maryland Municipal League Conference have been processed and have been distributed to Board Members scheduled to attend.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

N/A

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Jones offered a motion to adjourn; seconded by Board Member Springs. The motion to adjourn passed by a unanimous vote. Ayes: 9; Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

### **NEXT MEETING**

May 8, 2024 – In Person

**Attachments:** N/A

**PAB Website:** [PAB Website](#)

**Meeting Recordings are available on PAB website:** [YouTube - Police Accountability Board Playlist](#)