

Police Accountability Board (Thursday, February 16, 2023)

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Members present

Nickolas Cromwell
Michelle Dowleyne
Leslie Everett
Frank Kauffman
John Lydon
Joseph L VanKirk

John Sterling Houser, Assistant County Attorney
Gillian Bacon, Legal Assistant, II

VIA ZOOM
Dr Linda Lymas

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order: A. CALL TO ORDER

Nickolas Cromwell, Chair, called the February 16, 2023 meeting of the Police Accountability Board to order at 6:30pm Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

2. ROLL CALL

Action: A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

I move to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Frank Kauffman, second by John Lydon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Michelle Dowleyne, Leslie Everett, Frank Kauffman, John Lydon, Dr Linda Lymas, Joseph L VanKirk

Action: B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I move to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2023 Police Accountability Board as presented.

Motion by Leslie Everett, second by Frank Kauffman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Michelle Dowleyne, Leslie Everett, Frank Kauffman, John Lydon, Dr Linda Lymas, Joseph L VanKirk

3. NEW BUSINESS

New Business: A. UPDATES ON PAB/ACC REGULATIONS & NEW LEGISLATION

Proposed legislation that is currently on the House or Senate floors and would have the potential, if enacted, to alter the way Police Accountability Boards and Administrative Charging Committees would conduct their business, was presented by John Houser to board members.

Bills specifically discussed by the Board were:

HB 518/SB 409; Police Accountability Boards and Administrative Charging Committees - Municipal Corporations

SB 285; County Police Accountability Boards - Investigation of Complaints of Police Misconduct

SB 110; Public Safety - Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission

New Business: B. GOAL SETTING 2023

The Police Accountability Board discussed their 2023 goals, consisting of:

- Overhauling the online complaint form, for the purposes of refining its functionality.
- Implementing better community outreach to St. Mary's County citizens.
- Reaching out to local newspapers to get an article about the purpose of the PAB and how it operates.

Discussion: C. FUTURE SPEAKERS

The Police Accountability Board intends to extend an invitation to Sheriff Hall to a join a joint PAB/ACC meeting later this calendar year.

The Board also intends to have The Department of Natural Resources at their meeting in May.

4. ADJOURN

Action: A. MOTION TO ADJOURN

I move to adjourn the February 16, 2023 meeting of the Police Accountability Board.

Motion by Nickolas Cromwell, second by Leslie Everett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Michelle Dowleyne, Leslie Everett, Frank Kauffman, John Lydon, Dr Linda Lymas, Joseph L VanKirk

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 PM