



BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

MEETING #8 – JUNE 26, 2023 @ 12:00 PM

**MEZZANINE CONFERENCE ROOM – TOWSON HISTORIC COURTHOUSE AND
VIA WEBEX**

Call to Order

- Chair Linda Shields called the regular meeting of the Baltimore County Police Accountability Board to Order at 12:02 PM.

Roll Call

- Peter Fitzpatrick (District 1), Linda Shields (Chair-District 2), and Dawn Dishon-Feuer (District 7) appeared in-person. John Chambers (District 4) and Kara White (At-Large) appeared via WebEx. Bishop Ralph Dennis (District 3), Renee Streib (District 5), and Nigeria Rolling-Ford (At-Large) were not present. The District 6 Police Accountability Board position remains vacant.
- Members of the public, the Baltimore County Administrative Office and Office of Law, as well as Vice-President Melissa Hopp and Assistant Director Sherina Long from the Community College of Baltimore County, and Romel Marmolejos from Nuestras Raices, Inc. were also present.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to Approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2023 Police Accountability Board Meeting made by Chair Linda Shields.
- Motion seconded by Peter Fitzpatrick, and the Minutes of the Minutes of the May 15, 2023 Police Accountability Board Meeting were adopted without objection.

Administrative Updates

- Henry Callegary provided administrative updates.
- The Baltimore County Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) held its first meeting on Friday, June 9, 2023. Its next meeting will be on June 26, 2023 at 3:00 PM. The next two meetings will be on Friday, July 21, 2023 at 1:00 PM, and Friday, August 18, 2023 at 1:00 PM. Meeting information is posted on the Baltimore County Police Accountability,

Oversight and Reform website. The June 26 meeting will be in the Mezzanine Conference Room, and future meetings will be in Jefferson Hearing Room 104. Dawn Dishon-Feuer will serve as the ACC's spokesperson to the PAB.

- The Baltimore County Council will be voting on a compensation plan that includes the Police Accountability Board on Monday, July 3, 2023. Once that plan is passed, compensation will commence per the terms of the legislation.
- Peter Fitzpatrick has been nominated by the Baltimore County Executive to serve a full three-year term representing District 1 on the Police Accountability Board.
- Renee Streib and Scott Richman are the nominees for Districts 5 and 6, respectively, and the County Council will consider their nominations this summer.
- Question by Dawn Dishon-Feuer regarding whether compensation received in 2022 will apply towards that year, or 2023. Henry Callegary will follow-up with the members of the Police Accountability Board to provide an answer to this question.

Presentation by Momen Abukhdeir, Chief Data and Performance Officer for Baltimore County

- Mr. Abukhdeir presented on the BCSTAT data dashboards, which include information on complaints against law enforcement officers, as well as use of force data.
- The data dashboards can be accessed using this link:
<https://opendata.baltimorecountymd.gov/>
- Question by Peter Fitzpatrick as to whether the dashboards can link the use of force with the criminal incident to which the officer who used force responded to. This information is not on the data dashboards. Follow-up question by Mr. Fitzpatrick as to how often the data is updated. It is updated quarterly

Presentation by Community College of Baltimore County Vice-President of Administrative Services Melissa Hopp and Assistant Director of Public Safety Sherina Long

- Vice-President Hopp and Assistant Director Long presented on CCBC's public safety, including their responsibilities and training.
- A link to their presentation can be found on the Baltimore County Police Accountability, Oversight and Reform website.

Presentation by Romel Marmolejos (Representing Nuestras Raices, Inc.)

- Nuestras Raices, Inc. represents many local Latino businesses and community members, and is focused on providing programming and events that highlight and promote the Latino community.
- Mr. Marmolejos reported that the Latino community in Baltimore County is appreciative on the Baltimore County Police Department and their presence. He relayed that the Latino community would like to see better recruitment in the Latino community for police officers, and encouraged members of the Baltimore County Police Department and Police Accountability Board to attend more Latino community events.

- Question by Peter Fitzpatrick as to whether this information would be passed on to the Baltimore County Police Department. Henry Callegary relayed that it will be.
- Question by Lorena Diaz (Representing the ACLU) as to what factors, besides representation, lead to a strain between police and Latino community. Mr. Marmolejos answered that there is distrust between the Latino community and police, as many first-generation immigrants come from countries where the police are a force of oppression, but that better cultural relation between police and the Latino community will improve trust.

Old Business

- A period of public comment and discussion on the proposed Amendment to the Baltimore County Rules of Procedure, which states:
Amendment to Paragraph I (Public Attendance), Subparagraph B (Participation)
“B. Participation: A member of the public may be allowed to participate in the meeting in instances when the Board expressly invites public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of participation. Testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of participation shall be limited to no more than three (3) minutes per speaker.”
- No public comment was made.
- The motion to approve the aforementioned Amendment was made by Chair Linda Shields and seconded by Dawn Dishon-Feuer.
- A roll-call vote was taken. Peter Fitzpatrick, Chair Linda Shields, John Chambers, Dawn Dishon-Feuer, and Kara White voted in the affirmative. No members voted against the Amendment. Bishop Ralph Dennis, Renee Streib, and Nigeria Rolling-Ford were absent from the vote.

New Business

- Dawn Dishon-Feuer provided an update on the Administrative Charging Committee. She went over the members of the ACC, its role, and responsibilities.
- Peter Fitzpatrick clarified whether the ACC’s recommended discipline in a case was a “floor” for the law enforcement agency. Ms. Dishon-Feuer clarified that it was.
- Chair Shields asked the members of the Police Accountability Board to let her know about any community events that Board members are planning on speaking at. There were none at this time.

Public Comment

- Question by Lorena Diaz (ACLU): What happens to complaints against law enforcement officers from before July 1? Answer by Rebecca Young (Deputy County Administrative Officer for Public Safety) and Dawn Dishon-Feuer: Those complaints are handled by the respective agency’s internal affairs department.
- Comment by Cindy Farquhar: She discussed the Central Park Five case, and the importance of repurposing pain. She stated that this process can only begin when members of the Police Accountability Board can do their jobs, and asked why the Board

is only meeting quarterly. Chair Shields reiterated that it is consistent with the statute and was her decision.

Adjournment

- Chair Linda Shields adjourned the June Meeting of the Police Accountability Board at 1:04 PM.
- The next meeting of the Baltimore County Police Accountability Board will be on September 18, 2023 at 12:00 PM in Room 118 of the Historic Courthouse, and via WebEx.