



BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

MEETING #7 – MAY 15, 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 12:10 PM.

Roll Call

- All members of the Board were present. Bishop Ralph Dennis (District 3) and Renee Streib (District 5) appeared in-person. Chair Linda Shields (District 2) appeared via speaker phone. All other members appeared via WebEx.
- Henry Callegary (Police Accountability Board Coordination Manager), Bambi Glenn (Baltimore County Office of Law), Lisa Morris (Legal Administrative Secretary to Deputy County Administrative Officer Rebecca Young) were present.
- Members of the public Peta Richkus, Cindy Farquhar, and Bonnie Smith were present.

Approval of Minutes

- Bishop Ralph Dennis (District 3) moved to approve the April Meeting Minutes for the Police Accountability Board. The motion was seconded by Dawn Dishon-Feuer (District 7). A vote to approve the minutes was taken and adopted unanimously.

Administrative Updates

- Henry Callegary provided administrative updates.
- The County Executive nominated Scott Richman to serve on the Police Accountability Board for Councilmanic District 6.
- The members of the Administrative Charging Committee attended training on the weeks of May 1-5 and 15-19. The civilian members of the Trial Boards will attend training on May 23-24.
- Future meetings will be held in Room 118, with the Administrative Charging Committee and Trial Boards potentially meeting in Room 104 of the Jefferson Building.
- Lorielle Moore stepped down from the ACC, and has been replaced by Sharon Knecht. Ms. Moore was appointed by the County Executive, as has Ms. Knecht.

- Romel Marmolejos (Nuestras Raices, Inc.) will be speaking at the June meeting to discuss police relations with the LatinX community.
- Several members of the public have commented on the proposed Amendment to the Board’s Rules of Procedure ahead of the vote in June. Those comments will be passed on to the Board in advance of the June meeting.

Old Business

- The vote to approve the amendment to the Baltimore County Police Accountability Board Rules of Procedure will occur during the June meeting of the Baltimore County Police Accountability Board on June 26, 2023 at 12:00 PM.

New Business

- Following the June meeting of the Police Accountability Board, meetings will be held quarterly beginning in September, with the exception of an additional monthly meeting to discuss the Annual Report of the Baltimore County Police Accountability Board. For the remainder of 2023, meetings will occur in June, September, November, and December.
- Comments by Bishop Ralph Dennis (District 3): Asked if Baltimore County Police Department Chief Robert McCullough would appear before the board. Henry Callegary stated they would work to have him appear at an upcoming meeting.
- Nobody is scheduled to speak at any upcoming community meetings.

Public Comment

- Comments by Peta Richkus: Clarified the date of the next meeting, and the spelling of Sharon Knecht’s (ACC Member Appointed by the County Executive) name.
- Comments by Cindy Farquhar: Stated that members should review complaints of police misconduct. Requested that monthly meeting continues. Urged the Police Accountability Board meet with community groups, and was concerned about perceived lack of transparency. Asked who decided to move meetings to a quarterly schedule. Chair Shields responded to Ms. Farquhar’s questions and reiterated that the Board will remain accessible and is fulfilling their statutory obligation to have quarterly meetings. Chair Shields noted that the decision to move meetings to a quarterly schedule was made by herself in consultation with Mr. Callegary.
- Additional Comments by Peta Richkus: Informed Board that the BCSTAT Data Dashboard had not been updated to include complaints of police misconduct since September 2022 and requested the Board to follow-up on that issue.
- Comments by Bishop Ralph Dennis (District 3): Clarified that the Board has the ability to advocate for changes to policy and statute.
- Comments by Nigeria Rolling-Ford (At-Large Member): Inquired as to why the meetings were moved to a quarterly model and requested that public feedback by email be forwarded to Board members. Mr. Callegary stated that public comments would be forwarded to Board members.
- Comments by Kara White (At-Large Member): Requested monthly meetings, particularly in July once the ACC starts hearing complaints. Mr. Callegary clarified that we do not yet have an indication as to whether any complaints will be heard by the ACC in July.

- Comments by Nigeria Rolling-Ford (At-Large Member): Commented that the Board is committed to doing more than the bare minimum in regards to public engagement. She noted that she would send additional concerns to the Board via email.
- Comments by John Chambers (District 4): Emphasized that the public should understand the role of the Board, and that the Board needs to focus on its mandate.
- Comments by Peter Fitzpatrick (District 1): Requested additional meetings.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

- Bishop Ralph Dennis (District 3) moved that the Board adjourn until the June 26, 2023 meeting of the Police Accountability Board. The motion was seconded by Renee Streib (District 5) and approved unanimously.