

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT Police Accountability Board

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2025 Location: 9200 Basil Court, Suite 410, Largo, Maryland 20774 6:30 p.m. – 8:05 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Kelvin Davall, Vice Chair Carlo Sanchez, Shelia Bryant, Keenon James, Lafayette Melton, Earl O'Neal

Virtual Board Members Present: Tamika Springs

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

Staff Present: Ebony Rorls, Program Administrator; Joann Bransom, Administrative Aide; Keona Savoy, General Clerk

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

Guest(s): Ken Gattis-Antolik, Chief of Berwyn Heights Police Department; Mohamed Magassouba, Acting Chief of Capital Heights Police Department; David Rice, Chief of New Carrollton Police Department; Cedric Heyward, Acting Chief of Seat Pleasant Police Department; Paul Corridean, Captain of Seat Pleasant Police Department; Rick Bowers, Chief of Greenbelt Police Department; Ronald Tarpley, Chief of District Heights Police Department; Regis Bryant, Chief of Glenarden Police Department; Robert Liberati, Deputy Police Chief of Bowie Police Department; Dwayne Preston, Chief of Bowie Police Department

QUARTERLY CHIEF'S MEETINGS

The Police Accountability Board meets with police chiefs throughout Prince George's County on a quarterly basis. Questions posed to police chiefs in attendance are attached. The full video can be viewed on the Police Accountability Board's YouTube channel. Video recording information is on the next page.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kelvin Davall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Law enforcement agencies (LEAs) expressed that communication about case statuses needs improvement, especially when employee termination is pending as a result of the new process on complaint investigations.
- LEAs discussed online portals created for their agencies, allowing citizens to express complaints and compliments about officers. Seat Pleasant Chief Heyward also commented that they have a section on their portal for citizens to check the status of their complaints.
- LEAs continue to engage with the community with outreach programs such as Coffee with Cops, monthly community meetings, National Night Out, and Shop with a Cop. Capital Heights Acting Chief Magassouba discussed a new partnership they have with a local elementary school that rewards a Student of the Month picked by the principal. Berwyn Heights Chief Antolik added that they do Cocoa with the Po Po, which draws many kids and parents together. Berwyn Heights also began a Program called Letters to Santa.
- Greenbelt Police Chief Bowers discussed a new system within the Axon camera system that translates languages in real time to assist with language barriers. The LEAs discussed bodyworn cameras, but activation of the cameras differs per agency.
- All LEAs agreed that maintaining high standards for hiring is crucial. Funds and qualified candidates are needed.
- LEAs agreed that a procedure is needed for when the department disagrees with the ACC's findings, allowing for communication and a potential remedy without escalating to administrative hearings.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Board Member Bryant and seconded by Vice Chair Sanchez. Motion passed: Ayes -7, Opposed -0, Abstain -0, Abstain -3

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING - March 12, 2025

Attachments: Questions for Police Chiefs PAB Website: <u>PAB Website</u> Meeting Recordings are available on the PAB website: <u>YouTube</u> <u>- Police Accountability Board Playlist</u>

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Quarterly Chiefs Meeting

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1. How has the new process impacted complaint investigations by your agency?

2. What are your department's current challenges in handling citizen complaints and internal investigations?

3. Have there been any recent updates or changes to your department's policies based on public feedback or recent incidents?

4. What strategies do you use to monitor social media and track any high-risk or "viral" events?

5. What community engagement or outreach programs does your department have to develop a partnership and trust with the community?

6. How does your department ensure data is publicly accessible? Do you conduct data presentations for the community?

7. Does your department have body cameras that automatically activate when guns or tasers are drawn?

8. For the departments that the PAB reported as having received zero complaints in 2024, does this accurately reflect that your agency had no complaints? If your records show a different number, how many complaints did your department receive internally?

9. What additional resources do you need to do your jobs effectively?

10. Do you have any questions for us?