



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## Police Accountability Board

### OPEN MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2025

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

6:38 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Chair Kelvin Davall, Vice Chair Carlo Sanchez, Andrea Coleman, Shelia Bryant, Keenon James, Lafayette Melton, Earl O'Neal, Marsha Ridley, Tamika Springs

**Virtual Board Members Present:** N/A

**Member(s) Absent:** Daniel Armando Jones

**Staff Present:** Ebony Rorls, Program Administrator; Christal Ogene, Policy Analyst (Virtual); Tangi Allen, Program Associate; Joann Bransom, Administrative Aide, Keona Savoy, General Clerk

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

**Guest(s):** Anthony Bennet, Inspector General and Director of the Office of Integrity, Compliance and Police Accountability, and Tijwana Phillips, Community Member

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

#### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to approve Minutes from December 11, 2024, was offered by Vice Chair Sanchez and seconded by Board Member James. Motion passed: Ayes – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1

#### **REPORTS AND UPDATES**

N/A

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

N/A



Tara H. Jackson  
Acting County Executive

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### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Subcommittee Assignments**

Chair Davall proposed that the Board create subcommittees. After discussion, four (4) subcommittees were created and Board Members volunteered to serve as follows:

- **Case and Complain Review**
  - Lafayette Melton
  - Tamika Springs
  - Andrea Coleman
  
- **Community Outreach**
  - Shelia Bryant
  - Earl O'Neal
  
- **Data Analytics**
  - Andrea Coleman
  - Kelvin Davall
  
- **Administrative Hearing Board Civilian Appointments**
  - Lafayette Melton

The Board discussed the process by which subcommittees will share information with the full Board and potential restrictions in place that may prevent access to cases. Inspector General Bennett shared his understanding of the confidential and sensitive nature of reviewing cases in open and closed sessions.

Ebony Rorls, Program Administrator, stated that she has not recently received cases from the Administrative Charging Committee. Chair Davall will follow up with Wayne Silver, Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, to determine the level of access Board Members have to review cases.

Board Members discussed implementation of each subcommittee. Board Members will have a follow-up meeting to discuss the logistics and set up of each subcommittee. Each subcommittee will develop recommendations.

Board Member Melton inquired about the status of community surveys that the Board previously discussed. Program Administrator Rorls advised that staff is currently working on a survey that will be placed on the Police Accountability Board's website and distributed to community members at various events. The Board also discussed community outreach and event opportunities.

Board Member O'Neal inquired about the resignation of an Administrative Hearing Board (AHB) Member and how to move forward with re-appointments. Board Members and Legal Counsel clarified the process for AHB appointments.



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Board Member Bryant inquired about the current vacancy of a Police Accountability Board Member. The Board discussed appointment terms for current Board Members. A request was made for staff to distribute the term expiration dates for Board Members.

Legal Counsel Marva Jo Camp led the Board in a discussion about upcoming County Executive Candidate Forums. She shared that the Board may consider attending candidate forums to determine the stance on police matters of the various candidates running for County Executive. Board Member Ridley inquired about a list of upcoming candidate forums. Board Members will share forum list.

Board Member Bryant shared that she would seek an Office of Ethics and Accountability decision regarding legislative work she will be involved with that relates to police accountability. Attorney Camp advised opinion would not be required.

Chair Davall discussed the County's Budget deficit. He suggested that the Board consider moving to once-a-month meetings. Chair Davall shared that any activity outside of a Board meeting must be approved by Program Administrator Rorls. The Board will discuss once-a-month meetings and vote on it during the next meeting.

Board Member O'Neal mentioned that the Budget Listening schedule had been rescheduled due to the weather.

Board Member Melton discussed sharing the Police Accountability Board's Annual Report with various municipal and community groups. Program Administrator Rorls advised that Tangi Allen, Program Associate, sent the Annual Report to the Board's stakeholders' email list. Chair Davall requested printed versions of the Annual Report to distribute at various community events.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Program Administrator Rorls will send an email to the Board regarding Financial Disclosure forms that are due to the Office of Ethics and Accountability in April.

Chair Davall introduced Joann Bransom as the new Administrative Aide for the Police Accountability Board. Ms. Bransom offered brief remarks.

Board Member Ridley shared that a new Police Academy session will begin on March 10, 2025.

Vice Chair Sanchez participated in a Ride-Along with the Prince George's County Police Department, Division I, on December 28, 2024, and shared his experience. The Board discussed potential concerns, such as the maintenance of police fleet vehicles and Spanish-speaking officers. These issues may be discussed during Quarterly Chiefs meetings and potentially become recommendations from the Board.



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Board Member James shared his experience participating in a Ride-Along with the City of Hyattsville Police Department and the City of Bladensburg Police Department. The Board discussed his Ride-Along and recognized possible opportunities for training officers about the role of the Police Accountability Board, the Disciplinary Matrix, and other matters.

Resident Tijwana Phillips requested to speak before the Board. Ms. Phillips shared concerns about an incident between her son and a county law enforcement agency in 2019 (prior to the formation of the Police Accountability Board). Chair Davall requested that Ms. Phillips detail the incident that occurred in writing for the Board to review. Chair Davall will work to facilitate a meeting with the law enforcement agency and Ms. Phillips to address her concerns.

Board Member Coleman inquired about the Draft Rules and Procedures. Chair Davall advised that the Draft Rules and Procedures may be addressed at the next Board Meeting.

### **COMMUNITY AND EXTERNAL OUTREACH**

N/A

### **TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

N/A

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WRAP-UP AND ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Board Member Bryant and seconded by Board Member Ridley. Motion passed: Ayes – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING** – February 12, 2025

**Attachments:** N/A

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

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