



BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEETING #16-MAY 10, 2024 @ 12:00 PM,

ROOM #118 HISTORIC COURTHOUSE AND VIA WEBEX

Call to Order:

- Chair Linda Shields (District 2) called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Roll Call

- Chair Linda Shields (District 2) appeared in person. Peter Fitzpatrick (District 1), Ralph Dennis (District 3), Renee Streib (District 5), Scott Richman (District 6), Elizabeth Dishon-Feuer (District 7), Kara White (At-Large) and Nigeria Rolling Ford (At-Large) appeared via WebEx.
- Henry Callegary and Kelly La Valley were in attendance from the Baltimore County Administrative Office.

Approval of Minutes:

- Ralph Dennis (District 3) moved to adopt the minutes of the April 16, 2024 Baltimore County Police Accountability Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Renee Streib (District 5).
- The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

Appointment of Trial Board Members:

- Ralph Dennis (District 3) moved to appoint Sheila Lewis to serve as the civilian member of the May 28, 2024 Trial Board for Towson State University. The motion was seconded by Kara White (At-Large-District-6).
- This motion was approved unanimously.
- Chair Linda Shields proposed the implementation of a new procedure for appointing Trial Board members, which would streamline the process and ensure equal opportunities for all members. Mr. Callegary provided elaboration on the amendment to

the Rules of Procedure, which is included below:

- 1.04 (B). After “Appoint civilian members to charging committees and trial boards” add the following language: A nominating committee shall be responsible for interviewing and recommending members of the public to serve on trial boards and charging committees. Upon recommendation by the nominating committee, members of the public shall be confirmed by the full membership of the Police Accountability Board. A member of the public confirmed to serve on trial boards shall complete any required training. Upon completion of their training, a member of the public will be added to a trial board “roster.” When a trial board is requested, the Executive Secretary and/or Coordination Manager or their designee shall inform the Police Accountability Board. A member of the trial board “roster” will be automatically appointed to serve on the trial board based on the date they completed training (in descending chronological order), and their service on any prior trial boards. No member of the roster will be appointed to additional trial boards until all members of the “roster” have had the opportunity to serve on the same number of trial boards (i.e. no member will serve on a third trial board until all members of the trial board roster have had the opportunity to serve on a second trial board.)
- Bishop Dennis commented that the PAB members are provided a redacted copy of the Trial Board nominee application, who decides what redactions are made? Mr. Callegary explained that Baltimore County has a standard redacting process for applications when they are circulated in a public forum. Any identifying information e.g.; name, phone number, email address, etc. are redacted.
- Scott Richman asked that if there are any procedural questions about this proposal, is that something that should be discussed before or after the next meeting? Mr. Callegary recommended that based on procedural rules, that if there is specific language, forward it to him so that he may work with the Office of Law to make sure the language is consistent with Baltimore County code.
- Scott Richman expressed concern over the logistics of ensuring the Trial Board members roster is somewhat equal in assignments. Mr. Callegary responded that as it currently stands logistics should not place too much of a burden on the administrative staff.
- Scott Richman also expressed concern over the list of Trial Board members being made public and the chance of Trial Board member “shopping.” Mr. Callegary responded that the coordinator and the attorneys for both the prosecution and defense are informed of the Trial Board member’s name prior to the hearing.
- Chair Linda Shields (District 2) moved that a motion to place the proposed change to the Rules of Procedure on the June 24, 2024 meeting agenda.
- This motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

- A member of the public, Peta Richkus asked where would the public find information about the appointed Trial Board member. Mr. Callegary answered that the resume system is not public, but upon request a redacted version of the application and resume may be shared.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

- Linda Shields (Chair-District 2) reminded members of the Baltimore County Police Accountability Board meeting on June 24, 2024, which will be held in Room #118, of

- the Baltimore County Historic Courthouse at 12:00 p.m. and via WebEx.
- At 12:29 p.m., Ralph Dennis (District 3) moved that the Baltimore County Police Accountability Board adjourn until June 24, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Renee Streib (District 5) seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously.