

Administrative Charging Committee (Wednesday, October 29, 2025)

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Members present

Nickolas Cromwell
Dr Linda Lymas
Peter Wild
Michael Deitch
Joyce Dyson

John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney
Gillian Bacon, Legal Assistant

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order: A. CALL TO ORDER

Nickolas Cromwell, Chair, called the meeting of the Administrative Charging Committee to order at 5:35 pm in the Savich Conference Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

2. ROLL CALL

Action: A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

I move to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion by Joyce Dyson, second by Michael Deitch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

Minutes, Action: B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I move to approve the meeting minutes of the September 17, 2025, meeting of the Administrative Charging Committee.

Motion by Michael Deitch, second by Peter Wild.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

3. NEW BUSINESS

Action: A. DRAFT 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

I move to adopt the 2026 meeting schedule of the Administrative Charging Committee as presented.

Motion by Michael Deitch, second by Peter Wild.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

4. ENTRY INTO CLOSED SESSION

Action: A. ENTRY INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into closed session under Local Government Article, §9-512 (a)(1) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters regarding a public agency or employee, and under Local Government Article, §9-512 (a)(7), to ensure compliance with State law requiring that review of an investigatory file by an Administrative Charging Committee be kept confidential until final disposition.

Motion by Nickolas Cromwell, second by Joyce Dyson.

5. 5:35 p.m. - CLOSED SESSION

Discussion, Information: A. ACC Case File Intake

Present: Nickolas Cromwell, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson, Dr. Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, John Sterling Houser, Gillian Bacon, and Lt. Krum
Lt. Krum from the SMC SO Office of Professional Responsibilities briefly joined the ACC during its closed session to transfer new ACC case files and provide a brief of each case. His presence was limited to this portion of the closed session.
Investigatory files transferred from OPR to the ACC: OPR2025-3498 and OPR2025-2031

Discussion: B. REVIEW OF DETERMINATION LETTERS

Present: Nickolas Cromwell, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson, Dr. Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, John Sterling Houser, and Gillian Bacon
Authority: §9-512(a)(1) and § 9-512 (a)(7) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 5:35 p.m. - 6:12 p.m.
Location: Savich Meeting Room
Purpose: To discuss personnel matters regarding a public agency or employee, and to ensure compliance with State law requiring that review of an investigatory file by an Administrative Charging Committee be kept confidential until final disposition.
Investigatory files reviewed: OPR2025-2539 and OPR2025-2549.

6. 6:12 P.M. - ADJOURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

Action: A. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM CLOSED SESSION
I move to adjourn from closed session and reconvene in open session.

Motion by Nickolas Cromwell, second by Dr Linda Lymas.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

7. MOTION TO APPROVE DRAFTED WRITTEN OPINION

Action: A. MOTION TO APROVE DRAFTED WRITTEN OPINION OF INVESTIGATIVE FILE
I move to adopt the written findings of investigative file OPR2025-2539, with exceptions noted, as voted upon and discussed in closed session.

Motion by Michael Deitch, second by Joyce Dyson.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

Action: B. MOTION TO APROVE DRAFTED WRITTEN OPINION OF INVESTIGATIVE FILE
I move to adopt the written findings of investigative file OPR2025-2549, as voted upon and discussed in closed session.

Motion by Peter Wild, second by Michael Deitch.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

8. ADJOURN

Action: A. MOTION TO ADJOURN
I move to adjourn the October 29, 2025, meeting of the Administrative Charging Committee.

Motion by Nickolas Cromwell, second by Peter Wild.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.