

**Administrative Charging Committee (Wednesday, January 28, 2026)**

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**Members present**

Nickolas Cromwell  
Dr Linda Lymas  
Peter Wild  
Michael Deitch  
Joyce Dyson

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

**Meeting called to order at 5:30 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 5:30 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 November 19, 2025, meeting of the Administrative Charging Committee.

Motion by Michael Deitch, second by Dr Linda Lymas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**3. ENTRY INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Action, Discussion, Information: 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 Peter Wild.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**4. 5:32 p.m. - CLOSED SESSION**

Discussion, Information: A. ACC CASE FILE INTAKE

Present: Nickolas Cromwell, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson, Dr. Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Buffy Giddens, John Sterling Houser, Gillian Bacon, Lt. Krum, Sgt. William Ray, and Cpl. Sidorowicz

Lt. Krum, Sgt. Ray, and Cpl. Sidorowicz from the SMCSO Office of Professional Responsibilities briefly joined the ACC during its closed session to transfer new ACC case files and provide a brief of the case. Their presence was limited to this portion of the closed session.

Investigatory files transferred from OPR to the ACC: OPR2025-2658, OPR2025-2827, and OPR2025-3393

Discussion: B. REVIEW OF DETERMINATION LETTERS

Discussion: C. REVIEW OF INVESTIGATIVE FILES

Present: Nickolas Cromwell, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson, Dr. Linda Lyman, Peter Wild, Buffy Giddens, 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: 5:32 p.m. - 7:55 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: OPR2025-2031, OPR2025-3498, OPR2025-2023, and OPR2025-2022.

#### **5. 7:55 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 Lyman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **6. APPROVAL OF DETERMINATION LETTERS**

Action: A. MOTION TO APPROVE DRAFTED WRITTEN OPINION OF INVESTIGATIVE FILE

I move to adopt the written findings of investigative file OPR2025-2031, as voted upon and discussed in closed session.

Motion by Dr. Linda Lyman, second by Michael Deitch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: B. MOTION TO APPROVE DRAFTED WRITTEN OPINION OF INVESTIGATIVE FILE

I move to adopt the written findings of investigative file OPR2025-3498, as voted upon and discussed in closed session.

Motion by Michael Deitch, second by Peter Wild.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **7. ADJOURN**

Action: A. MOTION TO ADJOURN

I move to adjourn the January 28, 2026, meeting of the Administrative Charging Committee.

Motion by Nickolas Cromwell, second by Dr Linda Lyman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.**