Administrative Charging Committee - Oct 28 2026 Minutes

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 5:30 PM

THIS AGENDA IS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE - TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE A part or all of the meeting may be conducted in closed session Public Meetings are now open to the public. In lieu of in person attendance, citizens may view the meeting remotely on St. Mary's County Government Channel 95 or YouTube. Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldridge St., Leonardtown, MD

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present:
Nickolas Cromwell
Dr. Linda Lymas
Joyce Dyson
Peter Wild

Buffy Giddens, County Attorney
Gillian Bacon, Legal Assistant

Members Absent:
Michael Deitch

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

A. Call to Order

Call to Order

Nickolas Cromwell, Chair, called the meeting of the Administrative Charging Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Savich Conference Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

2. ROLL CALL

A. Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda

I move to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Dr Linda Lymas
Seconded by: Peter Wild

Motion Carries 4-0

B. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes

9.30.26 ACC Meeting Minutes.pdf

I move to approve the meeting minutes of the September 30, 2026, meeting of the Administrative Charging Committee.

Moved by: Peter Wild
Seconded by: Joyce Dyson

Motion Carries 4-0

3. ENTRY INTO CLOSED SESSION

A. Entry into Closed Session

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.

Moved by: Nickolas Cromwell
Seconded by: Dr Linda Lymas

Motion Carries 4-0

4. 5:35 p.m. - CLOSED SESSION

A. ACC Case File Intake

Present: Nickolas Cromwell, Joyce Dyson, Dr. Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Buffy Giddens, Gillian Bacon, Lt. Brian Fennessey, Sgt. William Ray, and Sgt. Melissa Green

Lt. Brian Fennessey, Sgt. William Ray, and Sgt. Melissa Green from

the SMCSO Office of Professional Responsibilities (OPR) briefly joined the ACC during its closed session to transfer new ACC case files and provide a brief of each case. Their presence was limited to this portion of the closed session.

Investigatory files transferred from OPR to the ACC:

OPR2026-0494 and OPR2026-0082

B. Review of Determination Letters

C. Review of Investigative Files

Present: Nickolas Cromwell, Joyce Dyson, Dr. Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Buffy Giddens, 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: 5:31 p.m. - 6:03 p.m.

Location: Savich Conference 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: OPR2025-7886, OPR2025-4742, OPR2026-0986, and OPR2026-2287

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

A. Motion to Adjourn from Closed Session

Motion to Adjourn from Closed Session

I move to adjourn from closed session and reconvene in open session.

Moved by: Nickolas Cromwell
Seconded by: Joyce Dyson

Motion Carries 4-0

6. MOTION TO APPROVE DETERMINATION LETTERS

A. Motion to Approve Determination Letters

Motion to Approve Determination Letters

I move to adopt the written findings of investigative file OPR2025-4742 as voted upon and discussed in closed session with noted amendments.

Moved by: Peter Wild
Seconded by: Dr Linda Lymas

Motion Carries 4-0

I move to adopt the written findings of investigative file OPR2025-7886 as voted upon and discussed in closed session.

Moved by: Joyce Dyson
Seconded by: Peter Wild

Motion Carries 4-0

I move to adopt the written findings of investigative file OPR2025-7886 as voted upon and discussed in closed session.

Moved by: Dr Linda Lymas
Seconded by: Peter Wild

Motion Carries 4-0

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft 2027 Meeting Schedule

Draft 2027 Meeting Schedule

2027 ACC Meeting Schedule (Tentative).pdf

I move to adopt the 2027 meeting schedule of the Administrative Charging Committee as presented.

Moved by: Peter Wild
Seconded by: Dr Linda Lymas

Motion Carries 4-0

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

A. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn

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

Moved by: Nickolas Cromwell
Seconded by: Dr Linda Lymas

Motion Carries 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.