

Police Accountability Board (Thursday, February 15, 2024)

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Members present

Nickolas Cromwell
Michelle Dowleyne
Leslie Everett
Frank Kauffman
John Lydon
Dr Linda Lymas
Charles Shilling
Bruen Kidd

John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney
Gillian Bacon, Legal Assistant, II
Lt. Thomas Hedderich, SMCSO Representative

Present via Zoom

Thomas Phelan

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Call to Order: A. CALL TO ORDER

Nickolas Cromwell, Chair, called the February 15, 2024 meeting of the Police Accountability Board to order at 6:30pm Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

2. ROLL CALL

Action, Roll Call: A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

I move to approve the submitted agenda.

Motion by Charles Shilling, second by Leslie Everett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Michelle Dowleyne, Leslie Everett, Frank Kauffman, John Lydon, Dr Linda Lymas, Thomas Phelan, Charles Shilling, Bruen Kidd

3. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: A. REVIEW OF ACC DISPOSITIONS

Nickolas Cromwell, Chairman, gave a brief summary of the Administrative Charging Committee's disposition of investigatory files #23-02 (OPR2023-0982) and #23-03 (OPR2023-2233) to the Board. The chairman along with St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Representative, Lt. Thomas Hedderich, took questions regarding these case files from the following board members: Frank Kauffman, John Lydon, III, Michelle Dowleyne, and Charles Shilling.

Discussion, New Business: B. 2023 MARYLAND PAB ANNUAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed publicly posted 2023 Police Accountability Board (PAB) Annual Reports from various Maryland Counties. The Board agreed to revisit this topic as necessary, and to continue collecting information on the other 2023 PAB Annual Reports from across Maryland, which may not have been posted at the time of this meeting.

Discussion: C. UPDATE ON LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO PAB

John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney, gave the Board an overview of proposed legislation that would have the potential, if enacted, to alter the way Police Accountability Boards and Administrative Charging Committees would conduct their business.

Bills specifically presented to the Board were:

HB 533/SB 621; County Police Accountability Boards – Investigation of Complaints of Police Misconduct

SB 607 - Public Safety - Police Accountability and Discipline - Summary Punishment

4. ADJOURN

Action: A. MOTION TO ADJOURN

I move to adjourn the February 15, 2024 meeting of the Police Accountability Board.

Motion by Nickolas Cromwell, second by Michelle Dowleyne.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Michelle Dowleyne, Leslie Everett, Frank Kauffman, John Lydon, Dr Linda Lymas, Thomas Phelan, Charles Shilling, Bruen Kidd

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.