

BALTIMORE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING #26 – FEBRUARY 7, 2025 @ 12:00 PM, ROOM #118, HISTORIC COURTHOUSE AND VIA WEBEX

Call to Order and Roll Call:

- Chair Joan Harris called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
- Chair Joan Harris, Vice-Chair Christopher Tsui, Elizabeth Dishon-Feuer, Sharon Knecht and Tamesha Peterson appeared in person.
- Henry Callegary and Kelly La Valley were present from the Baltimore County Administrative Office.
- Alek Stathakis appeared via WebEx from the Baltimore County Office of Law.

Approval of January 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

- Vice Chair Christopher Tsui moved to adopt the minutes of the January 27, 2025 Baltimore County Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) meeting. Elizabeth Dishon-Feuer seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously.

Trial Board Updates:

• Mr. Callegary provided an update on Trial Boards. A Trial Board hearing is currently ongoing involving Unnecessary Use of Force, Rude and Discourteous Conduct and Conduct Unbecoming of a Baltimore County Police Officer. An administrative case not involving the ACC will go before the Trial Board on February 14, 2025. There will be a Trial Board hearing on March 3, 2025 and March 4, 2025 involving Altering a Court Document Relating to a Criminal Case and other related charges that stem from the alternance of that document and representations made by the officer.

On March 14, 2025 there will be a Trial Board Hearing involving Violating National Crime Information Center's Rules and Regulations When Accessing the Maryland Criminal Justice Dashboard in Violation of the Baltimore County Police Department Policies and Being Convicted of a Misdemeanor. A Trial Board hearing is scheduled for March 20, 2025 involving Failure to Take Appropriate Police Action. A Trial Board Hearing will be heard on March 25, 2025 involving Excessive Use of Force, Rude and Discourteous Conduct and Failure to Notify Supervisor of Use of Force.

Legislative Updates:

- <u>SB0625/HB0885</u>: Three years after the conclusion of a case, police records involving unfounded and exonerated charges would be removed from the officer's record.
- <u>SB0532/HB0537</u>: Would allow an officer to request for a show cause order if they believe that their rights have been violated during the process of an investigation.
- <u>HB0122</u>: Would allow police officers to file complaints against another officer, would then go before the ACC.
- <u>SB0533/HB0238</u>: Would apply the year and a day deadline to administrative complaints. This would toll the year and a day deadline involving cases where the officer is under criminal investigation or a criminal trial until the investigation/trial has been completed.
- <u>HB0186</u>: Would allow lawyers who live in the jurisdiction that the Trial Board is in to serve as Trial Board chairs in lieu of judges.
- <u>HB0139</u>: Requires the Internal Affairs Division to submit files to the ACC within nine months of their receipt.

Closed Session:

- At 12:11 p.m. Vice-Chair Christopher Tsui moved that the Baltimore County Administrative Charging Committee meet in closed session for the purposes of reviewing Baltimore County Police Department investigatory files and making determinations as to whether to administratively charge and recommend discipline against accused law officers per §3-3-2806 of the Baltimore County Code, and COMAR 12.04.09.05(D)(1). Elizabeth Dishon-Feuer seconded the motion.
- The motion to enter closed session was approved unanimously.
- During the closed session, members reviewed investigatory files and made determinations as to whether to administratively charge, and recommend discipline towards, law enforcement officers, as well as producing written opinions on these matters.

Open Session:

- At 2:58 p.m. Vice-Chair Christopher Tsui moved that the Baltimore County Administrative Charging Committee return to open session. Elizabeth Dishon-Feuer seconded the motion.
- The motion to return to open session was approved unanimously.
- At 2:58 p.m. the Board re-entered open session.
- Vice-Chair Christopher Tsui moved to adopt 2025 ACC meetings be held on the first Friday of every month. Chair Joan Harris Tsui seconded the motion.
- Vice-Chair Christopher Tsui moved to change the July 4th, 2025 ACC meeting to July 11, 2025. Chair Joan Harris seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

- At 3:00 p.m., Vice-Chair Christopher Tsui moved that the Baltimore County Administrative Charging Committee adjourn until March 7, 2025 at 12:00 p.m., when it will meet in Room #118 of the Historic Courthouse and via WebEx. Elizabeth Dishon-Feuer seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously.