



BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEETING #21-FEBRUARY 10, 2025 @ 12:00 PM,

ROOM #118, BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE AND VIA WEBEX

Call to Order:

- Chair Ralph Dennis (District 3) called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Roll Call

- Chair Ralph Dennis (District 3) Elizabeth Dishon-Feuer (District 7) and Karen Williams (District 2), appeared in person. Peter Fitzpatrick (District 1), Scott Richman (District 6), Nigeria Rolling-Ford (At-Large), and Kara White (At-Large) appeared via Webex. Senior Coordination Manager for Public Safety and Accountability Henry Callegary and Executive Secretary Kelly La Valley were in attendance from the Baltimore County Administrative Office.
- Alek Stathakis was in attendance from the Baltimore County Office of Law via Webex.
- Major Matthew Gorman and Captain Jeffrey Shanks from the Baltimore County Police Department attended in-person.

Approval of Minutes:

- Elizabeth Dishon-Feuer (District 7), moved to adopt the minutes of the December 16, 2024 Baltimore County Police Accountability Board Meeting (PAB). The motion was seconded by Scott Richman (District 6).
- The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

- **Remarks by Major Matthew Gorman, Internal Affairs Division, Baltimore County Police Department:**

- Major Gorman stated that the Baltimore County Police Department (BCPD) continues to partner with the Baltimore County Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) in regards to complaints against police involving members of the public. The number of ACC cases have seemingly hit a plateau.
- The Internal Affairs unit will be relocating to 305 Washington Avenue, Towson, MD in the spring of 2025.

Review and recap of Administrative Charging Committee proceedings:

- See attachment below for break-down of the October, November and December, 2024 ACC cases.
- Next ACC meeting will be held on March 7, 2025.
- Karen Williams (District 2) inquired as to the access of the PAB to the demographics of the officers involved in ACC opinions? Elizabeth Dishon-Feuer (District 7) opined that it is not reported at this time.

Updates on Trial Boards:

- 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, that did not involve 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.
- Civilian members are serving on the following Trial Boards:
 - Sheila Lewis – February 7, 2025 & February 12, 2025 Trial Board
 - Gary Tosadori – February 14, 2025 Trial Board
 - Hollis Albert, III – March 3, 2025 & March 4, 2025
 - Wesley Bohle – March 14, 2025 & March 20, 2025
 - Sheila Lewis – March 25, 2025

★ The six Trial Board members have each served on at least one Trial Board, in a randomized process. If a civilian member can’t attend then an alternate is assigned.

Legislative Updates:

- [SB0625/HB0885](#): Three years after the conclusion of a case, police records involving unfounded and exonerated charges would be removed from the officer’s record.
- [SB0532/HB0537](#): 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.

- [HB0122](#): Would allow police officers to file complaints against another officer, would then go before the ACC.
- [SB0533/HB0238](#): 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.
- [HB0186](#): Would allow lawyers who live in the jurisdiction that the Trial Board is in to serve as Trial Board chairs in lieu of judges.
- [HB0139](#): Requires the Internal Affairs Division to submit files to the ACC within nine months of their receipt.

Administrative Updates:

- Stephanie Betterson has been nominated by the County Executive, and recommended by Councilman Julian Jones (District 4), and her nomination will be voted on at the February 18, 2025 Baltimore County Council meeting to serve on the PAB for District 4.
- Nelson Brown, Randallstown NAACP, Education Committee, reached out with the following information:
 - NAACP, Randallstown Branch, Freedom Fighter Dinner Gala, May 31, 2025, from 12:00 p.m., to 4:30 p.m., Diamonds Experience Catering, 9980 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD. This event will honor the members of the community and their advocacy towards initiatives that help to promote change in neighborhoods across the county.
<https://randnaacp.org/events/>; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/friends-of-the-naacp-freedom-fund-gala-tickets-1108301633019>
 - NAACP, Randallstown Branch, BCPL, Black History Celebration, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Evening of the Arts, Baltimore County Public Library, 8604 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD. This event celebrates local talent with music, art and poetry.
<https://randnaacp.org/events/>; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/friends-of-the-naacp-freedom-fund-gala-tickets-1108301633019>

Old Business:

- At the November 18, 2024 PAB meeting several members of the Board inquired if the Baltimore County Office of Law (OOL) could elaborate on the policy that the PAB under the Police Accountability Act cannot review complaints. Mr. Callegary forwarded this question to the OOL, for which a memorandum has been drafted. Alek Stathakis, OOL is in attendance to review the memorandum, for which the PAB will go into closed session.

Closed Session:

- At 12:27 p.m. Elizabeth Dishon-Feuer (District 7) moved that the Baltimore County Police Accountability Board meet in closed session for the purposes of receiving legal advice from the OOL reviewing, pursuant to the General Provisions Act §3-305(b)(7). Scott Richman (District 6) seconded the motion.
- The motion to enter closed session was approved unanimously.
- During the closed session, members met in closed session for the purposes of receiving legal advice from the OOL.

Open Session:

- At 1:22 p.m. Chair Ralph Dennis (District 3) moved that the Baltimore County Police Accountability Board return to open session. Scott Richman (District 6) seconded the motion.
- The motion to return to open session was approved unanimously.
- 1:31 p.m. the Board re-entered open session.
- Elizabeth Dishon-Feuer requested that BCSTAT update the ACC stats on the Baltimore County Dashboard.
<https://app.powerbigov.us/view?r=eyJrIjoiYmJjZmUwMTEtODY2NS00MGEyLWI0YTctYTViYzkzYWNlODc3IiwidCI6IjlkONGZhOWJhLTg0NTQtNDEzZC1iOWU2LWJmNDBhZjFkNmE5YiJ9>
- Peter Fitzpatrick (District 1) moved that the Baltimore County Police Accountability Board Rules of Procedure allow the Police Accountability Board to review complaints filed by members of the public against law enforcement officers beginning at the April 7, 2025 PAB meeting. A vote on this motion will be held at the April 7, 2025 PAB meeting. The motion is held until the April 7, 2025 PAB meeting.
- Elizabeth Dishon-Feuer (District 7) commented that she opposed the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

- Chair Ralph Dennis (District 3) reminded members of the Baltimore County Police Accountability Board meeting on April 7, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. which will be held in Room #118, of the Baltimore County Historic Courthouse and via WebEx.
- At 1:33 p.m., Scott Richman (District 6) moved that the Baltimore County Police Accountability Board adjourn until April 7, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. Elizabeth Dishon-Feuer (District 7) seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously.

ACC Meeting 12/13/24

ACC Meetings 10/18/24, 11/15/24, 12/13/24

Reviewed & deliberated 103 cases

Rendered 103 opinions

Of the 103 cases resolved, all involved BCPD members

Total 14 UoF cases

*28 DA (24 charged & 4 not charged)

*12 rude/discourteous/unprofessional behavior, conduct, or language (12 not charged)

*10 UoF policy violations (10 not charged)

*6 investigation procedure policy violations (6 not charged)

*1 racial bias/discrimination/profiling (not charged)

*2 failure to write required report (1 charged, 1 not charged)

*3 harassment (3 not charged)

*1 off duty MVC (not charged)

- *2 improper threat of arrest (2 not charged)
- *1 causing injury during an arrest (not charged)
- *1 vehicle pursuit policy violation (charged)
- *2 improper search (2 not charged)
- *2 violation of search/seizure/entry procedures (2 not charged)
- *3 failure to take necessary police action (1 charged, 2 not charged)
- *1 unlawful detention (not charged)
- *1 failure to provide medical care to a person in need (not charged)
- *1 committing a minor traffic violation while off-duty in a non-agency vehicle (not charged)
- *1 failure to provide name & ID (not charged)
- *1 failure to make a required arrest (not charged)
- *1 violation of investigation procedures & failure to offer medical assistance (not charged)
- *1 rude/discourteous/unprofessional behavior, conduct, or language & BWC policy violation (charged for both)
- *1 failure to write a required report & BWC policy violation (charged for both)

- *1 racial bias/discrimination/profiling, unlawful detention, & BWC policy violation (charged for BWC only)

- *1 racial bias/discrimination/profiling & rude/discourteous/unprofessional behavior, conduct, or language (not charged)

- *1 UoF policy violation, failure to provide name/ID, illegal traffic stop, failure to summons supervisor (not charged)

- *1 rude/discourteous/unprofessional behavior, conduct, or language & failure to provide name & ID (not charged)

- *1 investigation procedure policy violation & rude/discourteous/unprofessional behavior, conduct, or language (not charged)

- *1 investigation procedure policy violation & failure to make arrest (not charged)

- *1 investigation procedure policy violation & writing an inaccurate report (not charged)

- *1 UoF policy violation, BWC policy violation, & rude/discourteous/unprofessional behavior, conduct, or language (charged for BWC only)

- *1 investigation procedure policy violation, evidence policy violation, & BWC policy violation (not charged)

- *1 demonstrating conduct unbecoming of a police officer while off-duty & wearing department uniform and failure to appear in court when summoned and required to do so (charged)

- *1 UoF policy violation & false arrest (not charged)

- *1 committing a traffic violation while on duty & issuing improper traffic citation (not charged)

- *1 demonstrating conduct unbecoming of a police officer while off duty & improper use of private media (not charged)

- *1 UoF policy violation & rude/discourteous/unprofessional behavior, conduct, or language (UoF not charged, rude/discourteous/unprofessional behavior, conduct, or language charged)

- *1 damage to personal property & rude/discourteous/unprofessional behavior, conduct, or language (damage to personal property not charged, rude/discourteous/unprofessional behavior, conduct, or language charged)

- *1 violation of search/seizure/entry procedure & BWC policy violation (violation of search/seizure/entry procedure not charged, BWC charged)

- *1 filing false reports & harassment (not charged)

- *1 failure to take necessary police action & BWC policy violation (charged)

- *1 failure to take necessary police action & BWC policy violation (charged), rude/discourteous/unprofessional behavior, conduct, or language & racial bias/discrimination/profiling (not charged)

- *1 assisting in altering a court document (not charged)

- *1 altering a court document, misrepresenting facts on a dept form, completing a false entry to a document, lying to a complainant/victim/witness, prisoner restraint policy violation, prisoner guarding policy violation, dress/uniform policy violation, misrepresenting facts to a superior, misrepresenting facts to Internal Affairs (charged for all)