

Washington County Police Accountability Board (PAB)
Law Enforcement Officers Quarterly Meeting
Open Minutes
April 17, 2024
3:00 P.M.

Members Present: Chair Steve McCarty, Ronald Humbel, Danielle Weaver, Tim Hafer, Amber Smart and Robert Bowman.

Members Absent: Brett McKoy

County Staff Present: County Attorney, Zachary J. Kieffer, Assistant County Attorney Rosalinda Pascual, Assistant County Attorney Aaron Weiss, and Legal Secretary Amanda Brooks.

Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) Present: Washington County Sheriff, Brian Albert; Washington County Sheriff's Office Attorney, Andrew Bright; Smithsburg Chief of Police, Rob Marker; Hagerstown City Chief of Police Joey Kifer, Boonsboro Police Department Officer Tom Moretti, and Director of Public Safety at Hagerstown Community College, Eric Byers.

Administrative Charging Committee Members Present: Scott Matheny and Chuck Kauffman.

Call to Order: Mr. McCarty called the PAB's quarterly meeting with LEOs to order at 3:00 P.M. in the Second Floor Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 100 W. Washington St., Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Approval Of Minutes: Mrs. Weaver motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the January 17, 2024 meeting, Ms. Smart seconded.

Summary of LEO Discussion:

Sheriff Albert has no concerns; ACC investigations are getting returned to them in a timely manner.

Chief Kifer went through his department's process of addressing what is truly considered a complaint and whether the ACC needs to consider these a true investigation. Making sure that all bodycam footage is acceptable.

Chief Marker had no concerns. Asked if there was a public portal for PAB complaints.

Officer Moretti had no concerns.

ACC Discussion: Scott Matheny, Chair for the ACC, asked if it was possible to give time stamps on bodycam footage so they know where to focus. Also, he addressed all the departments on making sure their officers were aware of their language when being recorded. He also asked if when the officers are removing items from the people they have arrested if they can say exactly

what items are removed from what pocket if it is safe to do so.

Next Quarterly LEOs Meeting: The PAB scheduled the next quarterly LEOs meeting for Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 3:00 P.M. The meeting will be in the County Administration Building.

Convene in Closed Session: Mrs. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Smart, moved to convene in closed session at 3:19 P.M. to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals in accordance with MD. Code Ann., Gen. Provisions 3-305(b)(1). The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Mr. Humbel, seconded by Mr. McCarty, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:33 P.M.