

Police Accountability Board (Wednesday, October 26, 2022)

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Members present

Nicholas Cromwell
Michelle Dowleyne
Leslie Everett
Frank Kauffman
John Lydon
Dr Linda Lymas
Thomas Phelan
Charles Shilling
Peter Wild

John Houser, Assistant County Attorney
Gillian Bacon, Legal Assistant, II

Via Zoom

Joseph L VanKirk

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Call to Order: A. CALL TO ORDER

Nikolas Cromwell, Chair, called the meeting of the Police Accountability Board to order at 7:00 pm in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

2. ROLL CALL

Action: A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

I move to approve the agenda as written.

Motion by Charles Shilling, second by Michelle Dowleyne.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nicholas Cromwell, Michelle Dowleyne, Leslie Everett, Frank Kauffman, John Lydon, Dr Linda Lymas, Thomas Phelan, Charles Shilling, Joseph L VanKirk, Peter Wild

Minutes, Action: B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I move to approve the minutes from the scheduled meeting of the Police Accountability Board on September 14, 2022, as presented.

Motion by Thomas Phelan, second by Dr Linda Lymas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nicholas Cromwell, Michelle Dowleyne, Leslie Everett, Frank Kauffman, John Lydon, Dr Linda Lymas, Thomas Phelan, Charles Shilling, Peter Wild

Abstain: Joseph L VanKirk

3. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: A. MR. SHILLING'S PROPOSED MOTIONS

Mr. Shilling had four (4) pre-written motions that will be voted on.

Motion 1:

I move that all law enforcement agencies use the exact same printed text to be read aloud , and to be given a printed copy to each member of the public who seeks to file a complaint.

Motion by Charles Shilling, not seconded

Final Resolution: Motion fails

Motion 2:

I motion that all law enforcement agencies inform the public by using the exact same printed text to be read aloud, and to be given a printed copy to each member of the public who seeks to file a complaint that each citizen shall be informed that may also contact that St. Mary's County government's PAB board to receive and file their complaint.

Motion by Charles Shilling, second by Leslie Everett

Nikolas Cromwell suggested an amendment be made to precede Mr. Shilling's second motion.

I motion that the St. Mary's Police Accountability recommends at our end of year written report to the County Commissioners the following: that all law enforcement agencies inform the public by using the exact same printed text to be read aloud, and to be given a printed copy to each member of the public who seeks to file a complaint that each citizen shall be informed that may also contact that St. Mary's County government's PAB board to receive and file their complaint.

Motion by Nikolas Cromwell, second by John Lydon

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yea: Michelle Dowleyne, Charles Shilling, Leslie Everett, John Lydon, Frank Kauffman

Nay: Nikolas Cromwell, Dr. Linda Lymas, Thomas Phelan, Joseph L VanKirk

Motion 3:

I motion that all three law enforcement agencies within St. Mary's County shall, within three (3) business days after receipt of any written complaint, forward a copy of said complaint to the St. Mary's County government's Police Accountability Board.

Motion by Charles Shilling, not seconded

Final Resolution: Motion fails

Motion 4:

I motion that all complaint hearings be made available and conducted within the county of filing.

Motion by Charles Shilling, second by Leslie Everett

Charles Shilling requested to amend the motion of the table to be referring specifically to Trial Board hearings only.

I motion that all complaint proceedings at the Trial Board level be made available and conducted within the county of filing.

Motion by Charles Shilling, second by Leslie Everett

Charles Shilling moves to table the discussion of the motion until more information is gathered from the Department of Natural Resources regarding how they will handle Trial Board proceedings.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Presentation, New Business: A. MARYLAND STATE POLICE PRESENTATION

Lieutenant Rossignol, from the Maryland State Police, is giving a presentation on an overview of the Department's operations within the county.

5. ADJOURN

Action: A. MOTION TO ADJOURN

I move to adjourn the meeting of the Police Accountability Board.

Motion by Charles Shilling, second by Dr Linda Lymas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nicholas Cromwell, Michelle Dowleyne, Leslie Everett, Frank Kauffman, John Lydon, Dr Linda Lymas, Thomas Phelan, Charles Shilling, Joseph L VanKirk, Peter Wild

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.