

Washington County Police Accountability Board (PAB)
Law Enforcement Officers Quarterly Meeting
Open Minutes
January 29, 2025
3:00 P.M.

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

County Staff Present: Deputy County Attorney Rosalinda Pascual, Assistant County Attorney Aaron Weiss, Assistant County Attorney Victor Scarpelli and Legal Secretary Amanda Brooks.

Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) Present: Washington County Sheriff's Office Sheriff, Brian Albert; Smithsburg Corporal,; Hagerstown City Police Chief Joey Kifer; Hagerstown City Police Sgt. Edward Plummer, and Director of Public Safety at Hagerstown Community College, Eric Byers.

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.

Civilian Trial Board Appointments: The names of the five new appointments of the Civilian Trial Board were presented and approved by the PAB. The names will be presented to the County Commissioners for final approval.

Summary of LEO Discussion:

Sheriff Albert has no concerns but was very pleased with the recent PAB report delivered to the County Commissioners and feels the system is working well.

Chief Kifer has no concerns; brought forth the option of having the Administrative Charging Committee meet with Sgt. Plummer to discuss their body camera policies and procedures.

Director Byers has no concerns.

Smithsburg has no concerns.

Next Quarterly LEOs Meeting: The PAB scheduled the next quarterly LEOs meeting for Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 3:00 P.M. The meeting will be in the County Administration Building.

Convene in Closed Session: Mr. McCarty, seconded by Mr. McKoy, moved to convene in closed session at 3:16 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. McKoy, seconded by Ms. Weaver, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:41 P.M.