

Washington County Police Accountability Board (PAB)
Law Enforcement Officers Quarterly Meeting
Open Minutes
October 23, 2024
3:00 P.M.

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

Members Absent: Robert Bowman and Amber Smart

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

Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) Present: Washington County Sheriff's Office Attorney, Andrew Bright; Smithsburg Corporal, Hanna Rowe; Hagerstown City Police Chief Joey Kifer, and Director of Public Safety at Hagerstown Community College, Eric Byers.

Administrative Charging Committee Members Present: Scott Matheny and Charlie Summers.

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 July 24, 2024 meeting, Mr. McKoy seconded.

Summary of LEO Discussion:

Andy Bright on behalf of Sheriff Albert has no concerns.

Corporal Rowe has no concerns.

Chief Kifer has no concerns; informed the PAB that they had officers reviewing their own bodycam footage if there was a complaint and feedback was positive.

Director Byers has no concerns.

ACC Discussion: Mr. McCarty went over the latest statistics and trends from the Administrative Charging Committee.

Scott Matheny, Chair for the ACC, addressed the LEAs about his concerns regarding officers language as well as learning more de-escalation techniques.

Next Quarterly LEOs Meeting: The PAB scheduled the next quarterly LEOs meeting for Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 3:00 P.M. The meeting will be in the County Administration Building.

Convene in Closed Session: Mr. Humbel, seconded by Mr. Hafer, moved to convene in closed session at 3:32 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. Hafer, seconded by Mr. Humbel, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:01 P.M.