

# POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD FOR BALTIMORE CITY

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 3, 2023

Place: Enabled by Zoom

6:00-8:00 pm

### I. Welcome

### II. Roll Call

Joshua Harris, Chair  
Mansur Abdul-Malik  
Ambassador Peter Bodde  
Marc Broady, Esq  
Dr. Janetta Gilmore  
Megan Kenny  
Stephanie Lee  
Harold Madison  
Dr. Doris Minor Terrell  
Lisa Nguyen  
Jesmond O. Riggins, Esq.  
Jamal Turner  
Avi Wolasky

Brian Nadeau, Deputy Police Commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department  
Mariel Shutinya, Chief, Police Accountability Division

### III. Review and approval of agenda

Motion to Adopt Agenda  
Motion Carried Unanimously  
**Agenda Adopted**

### IV. Meeting Minutes

Chair Harris acknowledged the impact of the Supreme Court rulings, Baltimore's Brooklyn Mass Shooting, the new Commissioner's transition and thanked the board for attending the meeting.

Chair Harris thanked those that attended last month's meeting in Cherry Hill and proposed meet at the location again as well as other locations around the city to ensure public engagement.

Motion to Approve Minutes  
Motion Carried Unanimously  
**Minutes Approved**

## V. Staff Updates

- PAB's Policy Analyst has started and will be attending the meeting next month.
- The PAB's Liaison will also be attending the next meeting.
- OECR is still waiting on updates from the Law Department to review the bylaws. However, the board is still free to work on the bylaws as they are.
- It was confirmed that Morgan State falls under the statewide ACC jurisdiction.
- OECR has done intake for 701 complaints as of July 1, 2023. This covers a year.
- OECR will provide resources to the Brooklyn Homes community with MONSE and other city agencies for the next month or so.
- PAD's Community Outreach Coordinator is starting this week.

Chair Harris asked OECR to share the current positions that are posted online and available to the public so they are aware of how OECR is exploring to staff the PAB specifically. The link is shared with the board.

Member Abdul-Malik inquired if the Otter app will be compatible with the new technical updates. Chair Harris advised that the technical changes only involve emails. None of the meeting functions will change.

Member Turner asked about stipends and the reimbursement process for PAB members. OECR advised the board that an email will be distributed to the board with that information.

Member Turner stated that there were earlier conversations on whether or not PAB members should receive a stipend. Member Turner doesn't remember receiving any clarity on the issue. OECR advised that the ACC members receive a stipend but as of now PAB are only eligible for reimbursement. However, the law can allow for it.

## VII. New Business

### • **Quarterly Meetings with BPD**

The next quarterly meeting with BPD will be scheduled for August along with the Office of the Public Defender. Chair Harris asked for an invitation being extended to Morgan State police.

Member Abdul-Malik asked if there's has been any thought into inviting the police union. Chair Harris stated that it would be a great idea to invite them.

Member Bodde stated that the relationship between the union and the BPD is critical to the work of the PAB.

The Office of Public Defender will be present at PAB's July meeting. The State's Attorney's Office will meet with the PAB in September.

### • **Formation of Committees**

*The following standing committees that were placed in the bylaws:*

1. Appointments Committee: Tasked with appointments to the ACC or Trial boards.
2. Bylaws Committee: Tasked with reviewing and refining the bylaws.
3. Community Organization and Engagement Committee.
4. Data and Research Committee: Tasked with analyzing the numbers and researching the best practices from other organizations around the country doing police accountability work.
5. Disciplinary Review and Investigations Committee: Tasked with gaining investigative procedure in anticipation of the dissolving of the Civilian Review Board, which has investigatory powers.
6. Policy Advisory Committee: Tasked with compiling recommendations for the end of the year report.

- **Internal Police Complaints**

Chair Harris questioned Deputy Commission Nadeau about the process for officers that have complaints about their work environment and their space.

OECR informed the PAB that a complaint that is filed internally by another officer that involves a member of the public comes to the PAB and the ACC as well. Even a complaint is not filed by a member of the public but involves a member of the public, it goes through the PAB as well. If the complaint doesn't involve a member of the public, it wouldn't go through the ACC and the PAB.

Member Broady asked if the types of complaints that PAB receives can be provided to the board in writing for review.

Chair Harris asked OECR for an updated BPD org chart. OECR advised that an updated chart will be provided to the board shortly.

- **Policing and Marijuana Legislation**

As of July 1, 2023, adult cannabis use is legal in the state of Maryland. Chair Harris advised there are gray areas in the legislation that could lead to opportunities for missteps and negative interactions with police officers and complaints. The PAB should be prepared and anticipate those complaints.

Member Kenny stated that she was curious about the conversation that was had in the past concerning the prohibition of alcohol and how it relates to this issue.

Member Turner stated that the former Commissioner mentioned that a training was happening to test the sobriety/ impairment of a driver under the influence of marijuana. Member Turner would like to clarify that process at some point.

Member Abdul-Malik echoed Member Turner's sentiments and would like to know if PAB will have access to the training materials.

Member Broady stated that the material would be helpful and also would like to know how they are measuring the police/community interactions involving marijuana.

Member Abdul-Malik asked how this legislation impacts the school police and other law enforcement agencies aside from BPD.

Member Lee commented that Baltimore County conducted a marijuana use study on people with marijuana cards. During the study, individuals went through the process of smoking to ascertain when their sobriety ended. Member Lee suggested that this is a study Baltimore City may want to consider.

Member Abdul-Malik asked will the PAB be able to gather more information regarding the Brooklyn Mass Shooting and the lack of police presence during the incident. Chair Harris stated that if a complaint is filed, the PAB will be prepared to have that conversation. As of now, it wouldn't under the PAB jurisdiction.

- **New Acting Commissioner Transition.**

Chair Harris stated that as the PAB is important to have a working relationship with the head of BPD and that he would like to allow space for the board to discuss the transition.

Member Kenny questioned the timeline of the Commissioner search. Chair Harris advised that as of now, per the Mayor, there is no search being conducted for a Commissioner. The acting Commissioner is the Mayor's designee.

Member Bodde stated that the board's focus should remain on building a positive relationship with the new Commissioner and not the Commissioner selection process.

Member Broady also suggested that the board focus on building a relationship with the new Commissioner and asked if the acting Commissioner's new team has reached out to the PAB. Chair Harris stated that the PAB hasn't received any communications from the acting Commissioner.

Member Lee suggested that the PAB contact the acting Commissioner first and request a meeting if the board does not hear from him.

OECR stated that the acting Commissioner is confirmed to attend PAB's August meeting. His office reached out to the PAB and was apologetic about being unable to attend the July meeting. OECR also clarified that DC Nadeau is on the call but having technical difficulties.

## **VIII. Old Business**

- **ACC updates**

OECR stated that the ACC is active and have met 3 times already. They have reviewed all cases that were set to expired in July 2023.

Member Riggins stated that from his observation, the BPD reports have improved greatly, they tend to be much more responsive to requests and there's improvement in frontline policing.

- **CRB updates**

Natalie Novak is still the acting chair. OECR is still in the process of searching for individuals to serve on the CRB. They meet the 3<sup>RD</sup>

Wednesday of every month. They are still receiving complaints.

Member Riggins stated the former CRB Chair, Tiara Hawkes, is now the chair of the ACC. The ACC is still waiting for the last member to be sworn in before electing a Vice Chair.

Chair Harris advised the board members that one of the goals for the next meeting is to elect a vice-chair, a secretary and a treasurer. The elections can be conducted virtually.

Member Abdul-Malik noted that the officer position descriptions are provided in the bylaws.

Member Broady suggested to have questions prepared for BPD in advance of the the meeting.

**IX. Public Comment**

**X. Adjournment**