

March 6, 2024

A meeting of the Kent County Police Accountability Board and members of the Administrative Charging Committee was called to order at 3:00 P.M. with the following in attendance: Barry Byers (Chair), Valerie H. Jones (PAB Administrative Specialist), Frank McGarvey (Accountability Officer), Pete Landon (Director Kent County OES), LaMonte Cooke, Shelly Schofield, Severn Miller, Pastor Leon Frison, Joan Horsey, Nancy Grahamer, Johnnie A. Jones III, Esq., and Shelley Heller (County Administrator).

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Barry Byers called the meeting to order. January, minutes were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

Chair Barry Byers reiterated the rules and importance of confidentiality within the board.

STAFF REPORT

The new Accountability Officer Consultant Frank McGarvey was welcomed and introduced. The resume for The Trial Board Member candidate was discussed. After review and discussion of the submitted resume and qualifications, a motion was made by the Chair to approve appointment of the candidate. The motion was seconded and approved. Installation of candidate is dependent on successful vetting of the candidate. The identity of the candidate was kept confidential.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A brief discussion was held regarding the Mock Trial Board previously discussed. Upon review of the PAB Rules of Procedure it was determined Trial Board hearings are not in the purview of the PAB but rather the ACC. The members agreed there is a need for procedures on receiving and forwarding of a complaint. This effort to move forward with input from the Accountability Officer for guidance.
2. The Board Chair confirmed the Annual Report was presented to the County Commissioners on February 6, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

1. After a brief discussion a motion was made, seconded, and approved to return to monthly meetings. The first Wednesday of every month will resume.
2. A member of the board expressed concern with the inconsistency of standards of preponderance of evidence. Discussion determined this concern should be discussed with state representatives, as the PAB is not able to address this concern.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

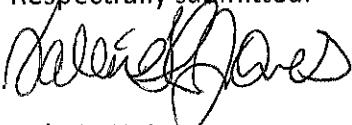
GOOD OF THE ORDER DISCUSSION

1. The next meeting will be April 3rd, 2024. Valerie to send meeting requests and reminders.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

3:39 Motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed by all members present to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.



Valerie H. Jones

Administrative Assistant

Approved:



Acting Chair

Kent County Police Accountability Board