

February 22, 2023

A meeting of the Kent County Police Accountability Board was called to order at 3:30 p.m. with the following present: Barry Byers, Chairperson, and members: Johnnie Jones, Nancy Grahamer, Joan Horsey, Thomas Davis, Shelly Schofield.

Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator, and Charles Mills, Accountability Officer, were also present.

STAFF REPORTS

Charles Mills discussed confidentiality statements and collected them from members present at the meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Barry Byers started with introducing himself and all members present did the same.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

Chair Barry Byers discussed Chairing the Board, rules, and procedures for meetings.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Meeting scheduling was discussed.

Board member nametags were discussed.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting went into closed session to discuss personnel issues.

MOTIONS

Immediately following the closed session, there was a motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed by all members present to appoint Shelly Schofield to the Administrative Charging Committee moving her from the Police Accountability Board.

There was another motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed by all members present to appoint Thomas Davis to the Administrative Charging Committee moving him from the Police Accountability Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

GOOD OF THE ORDER DISCUSSION

Chair Barry Byers discussed "ride-alongs" for Police Accountability members.

Chair Barry Byers discussed local police directives for filing complaints with local law enforcement departments. There was concern for outdated procedures that needed to be consistent with the Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021. Accountability Officer Mills stated that he would ensure copies of local law enforcement department complaint policies and procedures would be provided to Board members.

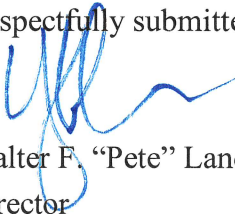
There was further discussion of virtual meetings in the future.

Chair Byers and Accountability Officer Mills discussed the next planned meeting of the Kent County Police Accountability Board to be held on March 13, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the County Commissioners of Kent County hearing room.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

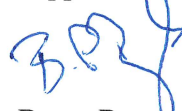
There was a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed by all members present to adjourn the February 22, 2023, Kent County Police Accountability Board open meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



Walter F. "Pete" Landon
Director

Approved:



Barry Byers, Chairperson
Kent County Police Accountability Board