

August 2, 2023

A meeting of the Kent County Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committee was called to order at 3:00p.m. with the following present: Barry Byers, Chair, and members: Lamonte Cooke, Pastor Leon Frison, Nancy Grahmer, Joan Horsey, Johnnie Jones, Kay Pinder Pritzlaff, Thomas Davis, Gary Di Vito, Severn Miller, and Shelly Schofield.

Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator, Sheriff Dennis Hickman, Chief Ron Dixon, Chief Bill Dempsey, and Pete Landon, Director of OES were also present.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Barry Byers reminded members of confidentiality regarding Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committee issues. Chair Barry Byers started with introducing himself, all members present, and guests did the same.

### **RULES AND PROCEDURES**

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

### **STAFF REPORT**

Pete Landon discussed the Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committee being moved under OES for logistics and liaison with County Commissioners of Kent County.

The Accountability Officer Consultant and Administrative Support positions were discussed and are in various posting, recruiting, interviewing and hiring processes by Kent County HR.

Pete Landon discussed the 2024 Police Accountability grant that was applied for and funding received by the County Commissioners of Kent County.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Meeting scheduling was discussed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Police Complaint processes were discussed and there was a motion made, seconded and passed to have all Kent County law enforcement departments (Kent County Sheriff, Chestertown Police department, Rock Hall police department) consolidate complaint forms, procedures and digital accessibility.

Police "ride-alongs" were discussed with Chair Barry Byers suggesting that all Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committee members who were not former officers consider riding along with the law enforcement departments in Kent County.

Business Cards and laptop computers for members and member table name cards were discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Pete Landon discussed his conversation with the MPTSC regarding Administrative Charging Committee member training informing members that Kent County training status was acceptable at this time and that there is no scheduled training scheduled in the future. The MPTSC was made aware that Kent County preferred regional training instead of travel to MPTSC in Sykesville.

Trial Boards were discussed including the composition, and funding of the same. All members were requested to forward possible interested Judge's to recommend to the County Commissioners of Kent County.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

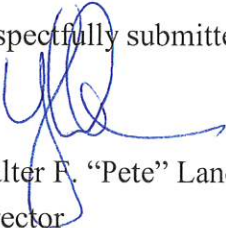
**GOOD OF THE ORDER DISCUSSION**

Chair Byers discussed the next planned combined meeting of the Kent County Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committee to be held on September 6, 2023, at 3 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 August 2, 2023, Kent County Police Accountability Board meeting at 4:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



Walter F. "Pete" Landon  
Director

Approved:



Barry Byers, Chairperson  
Kent County Police Accountability Board