

MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

Minutes – 52nd Meeting – October 4, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Colonel Roland Butler, Superintendent, Department of State Police (Chair)
Richard Gibson, Maryland State’s Attorneys’ Association (Vice Chair)
Ronce Alford, MD Transportation Authority PD, Regional Representative
Chief Amal Awad, Anne Arundel Police Department, Regional Representative
Clyde Boatwright, Maryland State Fraternal Order of Police
Dirk Butler, Policing Standards Expert
Patrick Campbell, Citizen of the State
Captain Valencia Carter, representing Police Commissioner Michael Harrison, Baltimore Police Department
Sheriff Joe Gamble, President, Maryland Sheriff’s Association
Zenita Hurley, representing the Office of the Attorney General
Amanda Koldjeski, representing Thomas Sobocinski Special Agent in Charge, Baltimore Office, FBI
Dwarren Lambirth, Cheverly Police Department, Regional Representative
Ganesha Martin, Citizen of the State
John Moses, Wor-Wic Program Advisory Committee – Criminal Justice
Susan Radcliffe, Mental Health Expert
Chief Carl Schinner, President, Maryland Chiefs of Police Association
Chief Michael Spaulding, Chairman, MML Executive Association
Chief Jarod Towers, President, Police Chiefs Association of Prince George’s County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cory Jeweler, Citizen of the State
Raymond Kelly, Community Policing Expert

STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Silver, Executive Director, Police Training & Standards Commission
Matthew Mellady, Deputy Director
Jennifer Beskid, Executive Director, Correctional Training Commission
Kelly Brauning, Certification Administrator
Sarah Chatfield, Technical Services
Chaka Cross, Recorder
Joan Henard, Certification
Elise Ice, Assistant Attorney General
Katie Johnson, Recorder
Mike Krok, Leadership Development Institute Acting Administrator
Bob Wagner, Director of Police Training

GUESTS

David Hammel, AACC Police Academy
Gregory Chatfield, Maryland State Police
Justin Ellis, Law Offices of Schlachman, Belsky, Weiner & Davey
Captain Wayne Jackson, Glenarden Police Department
Jamal Barney, Glenarden Police Department
Major Anthony Smith, Baltimore Police Department

Casey Miller, Baltimore Police Department
Justin Ellis, Law Offices of Schlachman, Belsky, Weiner, and Davey, PA
Paul Kifer, Hagerstown City Police Department
Andrew Kelbaugh, Hagerstown City Police Department

Chair Butler called the 52nd meeting of the Police Training and Standards Commission (PTSC) from the Public Safety Education and Training Center to order at 10:11 a.m. Chair Butler asked for a roll call of members. A quorum was present.

The agenda was as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes – July 12, 2023

Chair Butler asked members to review the minutes from the July 12, 2023 meeting.

A MOTION to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2023 meeting of the Police Training and Standards Commission was made by Chief Spaulding: SECONDED: Mr. Boatwright. The MOTION carried.

2. Facility Report

Director Silver directed members to the report, which reviewed the activities at the Center during the past quarter. First Line Administrator, First Line Supervisor, Civilian Supervisor Training and TRUE Leadership training through the Leadership Development Institute. They are coordinating with CCBC to develop a Professional Development series for the 2024 season. There were 24 audits conducted by the Compliance Unit, no issues to address.

3. Legal Issues

Assistant Attorney General Ice reminded the Commission of the question that arose over what jurisdiction the ACC has over Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) police officers. After reviewing the statute Public Safety Article 3-201 that defines a police officer, it also enumerates the agencies. WMATA is not an enumerated agency and their police officers are not Maryland police. Although the Commission certifies their officers, they may not need to. WMATA is governed by a compact between the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Virginia that allows grants WMATA Officers the authority to enforce Maryland law. The 2015 Fourth Circuit court decision states that the Commission does need to certify WMATA officers, but does not say why.

A MOTION to have further conversation related to understanding why WMATA wants certification so that we can align our needs was made by Vice Chair Gibson: SECONDED: Mr. Boatwright. The MOTION carried.

A MOTION to have WMATA appear at the next Commission meeting Mr. Moses: SECONDED: Mr. Campbell. The MOTION carried.

4. Old Business

a) LMS Status

Administrator Brauning, MPCTC Certification Unit Administrator, stated that there is a 10 a.m. meeting at the Board of Public Works for approval of the new Learning Management System (LMS). More information will be forthcoming. Director Silver will send out updates to members as information is available.

b) Cannabis/Drug Usage Discussion

Director Beskid, brought for consideration by the Commission possibly changing the selection standards for prior use of cannabis in COMAR for the certification of police officers. Director Beskid suggested that the employer sets standards and are able to determine fitness for duty once an applicant is hired.

A MOTION to maintain current selection standards Mr. Moses: SECONDED: Chief Towers. The MOTION carried.

A MOTION to bring in an expert to discuss long term effects of cannabis by Vice Chair Gibson: SECONDED: Mr. Moses. The MOTION carried.

c) Training Objective Project

Director Silver introduced Lt. Gregory Chatfield of the MD State Police and the Chair of the MD Training Directors' Association (TDA). A subcommittee of 6 agencies of the 19 academies was formed and they have been working to identify missing objectives. 35 new objectives and modifications to current objectives have been introduced and endorsed by the MDTDA with a recommended effective date of July 1, 2024. The next move will be towards a standardized curriculum.

A MOTION to adopt the objectives and the effective date was made by Sheriff Gamble: SECONDED: Mr. Campbell. The MOTION carried.

5. New Business

a) Trial Board Survey

Director Silver training ACC members, judges, and others involved in police discipline throughout the state. A trial board survey was sent to the law enforcement partners throughout the state and there have not been any trial boards throughout the state to date. There are still 13 counties within the state that need ACC training and an anticipated, 50-60 members that will be trained throughout the year.

b) 2024 Commission Meeting Dates

- i) January 10, 2024
- ii) April 17, 2024
- iii) July 3, 2024
- iv) October 2, 2024

A MOTION to adopt the dates 2024 dates with a change from July 3, 2024 to July 10, 2024 was made by Vice Chair Gibson: SECONDED: Ms. Martin. The MOTION carried.

A MOTION to recess was made by Sheriff Gamble: SECONDED: Chief Spaulding. The MOTION carried.

Recorder's Note: The members recessed from 11:51am pm to 1:04 pm.

Chair Butler called the meeting back to order at 1:04 pm. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

A MOTION was made adjourn to go to closed session by Chief Spaulding: SECONDED: Vice Chair Gibson. The MOTION carried unanimously.

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Chair Butler, Vice Chair Gibson, Mr. Alford, Chief Awad, Mr. Boatwright, Mr. Butler, Mr. Campbell, Captain Carter, Sheriff Gamble, Ms. Hurley, Ms. Koldjeski, Mr. Lambirth, Ms. Martin, Ms. Radcliffe, Mr. Moses, Chief Schinner, Chief Spaulding, Chief Towers

Persons attending closed session: In addition to voting Commission Members, Director Silver; Deputy Director Matthew Mellady, Chaka Cross; Katie Johnson; and Sarah Chatfield

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: Personnel matters

Topics actually discussed: Recertification granted for an applicant of the Baltimore Police Department. Certification was granted for an applicant of the Hagerstown City Police Department. Certification was denied for an applicant of Glenarden Police Department.

9. Decertification Hearing Date Selection

Director Silver notified the Commission members that a decertification hearing date would be scheduled and offered the members dates to choose from, allowing for a minimum of 10 days notice. The members decided that November 1, 2023 would be the date.

A MOTION was made by Chief Spaulding to adjourn to an open session: SECONDED: Sheriff Gamble. The MOTION carried unanimously.

Recorder's Note: This concluded the closed session. The meeting adjourned to an open session at 3:30 p.m.

Director Silver announced the outcome of the items heard in closed session.

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Chair Butler: SECONDED: Mr. Boatwright. The MOTION carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

<p>These "minutes" are a synopsis of the Commissions' discussions and decisions and not a verbatim rendering of the proceedings.</p>
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