

MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

Minutes – 51st Meeting – July 12, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Colonel Roland Butler, Superintendent, Department of State Police (Chair)
Richard Gibson, Maryland State's Attorneys' Association (Vice Chair)
Sheriff Scott Adams President, Maryland Sheriff's Association
Chief Amal Awad, Anne Arundel Police Department, Regional Representative
Clyde Boatwright, Maryland State Fraternal Order of Police
Patrick Campbell, Citizen of the State
Zenita Hurley, representing the Office of the Attorney General
Raymond Kelly, Community Policing Expert
Deputy Chief Laura Lanham representing the President, Police Chiefs Association of Prince George's County
Major Derek Loeffler, representing Police Commissioner Michael Harrison, Baltimore Police Department
John Moses, Wor-Wic Program Advisory Committee – Criminal Justice
Susan Radcliffe, Mental Health Expert
Chief Michael Spaulding, Chairman, MML Executive Association
Robert Turner representing Thomas Sobocinski Special Agent in Charge, Baltimore Office, FBI

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ronce Alford, MD Transportation Authority PD, Regional Representative
Dirk Butler, Policing Standards Expert
Chief Russell E. Hamill, President, Maryland Chiefs of Police Association
Dwarren Lambirth, Cheverly Police Department, Regional Representative
Ganesha Martin, Citizen of the State
Vacancy, Citizen of the State

STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Silver, Executive Director, Police Training & Standards Commission
Albert Liebno, Executive Director, Police & Correctional Training Commissions
Matthew Mellady, Deputy Director
Kelly Brauning, Certification Administrator
Stephanie Cain, Compliance Administrator
Sarah Chatfield, Technical Services
Joan Henard, Certification
Gina Clay, Compliance
Bob Wagner, Director of Police Training
Gary Gardner, Director of Policy and Process Review
Katie Johnson, Recorder
Elise Ice, Assistant Attorney General
Chaka Cross, Recorder
Kevin Duerling, Certification
Brittany Rohe, Certification
Royal Bacote, Certification
Mike Krok, Leadership Development Institute Acting Administrator

GUESTS

Paul Kifer, Hagerstown City Police Department
Rick Taylor, Crisfield Police Department
Viridiana Hill, Crisfield Police Department

Krah Plunkert, Fruitland Police Department
David Hammel, AACC Police Academy
Marcus Jones, Montgomery County Police Department
Gregory Chatfield, Maryland State Police
Sarah Wolf, Montgomery County Council
Dave Morris, MCPA & Cheverly Police Department
Lorig Charkoudian, Director of Community Mediation Maryland

Colonel Roland Butler, acting Vice Chair, called the 51st meeting of the Police Training and Standards Commission (PTSC) from the Public Safety Education and Training Center to order at 10:02 a.m. Colonel Butler asked for a roll call of members. A quorum was present.

The agenda was as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes – April 19, 2023
2. Facility Report
3. Legal Issues
4. Old Business
 - a) ACC Training Update
 - b) Out of State Regulation Modification
 - c) New Objective Program
5. New Business
 - a) Mediation Model Policy
 - b) Regulation Recommendation
 - c) Selection of Chair
6. Request for Certification
7. Request for Recertification
8. Request for Recertification
9. Request for Recertification
10. Request for Recertification
11. Request for Decertification

1. Approval of Minutes – April 19, 2023

Colonel Butler asked members to review the minutes from the April 19, 2023 meeting.

A MOTION to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2023-meeting of the Police Training and Standards Commission was made by Mr. Clyde Boatwright: SECONDED: Mr. Ray Kelly. The MOTION carried.

2. Facility Report

Mr. Albert Liebno, Executive Director (MCPTC), directed members to the report, which reviewed the activities at the Center during the past quarter. He noted that the agency has a memo of understanding with the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) allowing academy graduates to earn college credits. He also noted that the Leadership Development Institute (LDI) hosted a 10 week program through Northwestern University that was well received and they are planning to offer it again next year. Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) training is complete for all except Dorchester County. The repaving project is half complete at Driver Training Facility. Mr. Liebno also gave kudos to the MPCTC Certification unit and police agencies for their compliance efforts. He noted that PTSC receives a \$2 million training enhancement budget annually. Purchases include a virtual training simulator, updates to Blue Peak (current learning management system (LMS)) to track red dot sighting training, and funds will also be used replace the current LMS to a web based program.

3. Legal Issues

Assistant Attorney General Matthew Mellady stated that a question 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.

4. Old Business

a) ACC Training Update

Mr. Robert Wagner, MPCTC Director of Police Training, stated that 1,071 members have been trained in regards to ACC, trial board, command staff, and administrative law judges, which covers every county with the exception of Dorchester County. Once they submit names, their training will be conducted. Mr. Wagner stated that future trainings will be on an as needed basis. He also stated that an evaluation form had been created to determine the effectiveness of training. He also stated that the unit hosted 225 command level staff to educate them on the disciplinary matrix and trial board process. ACC members are being trained with the Apex virtual reality training simulator that was paid for with the PTSC training fund and a grant.

b) Out of State Regulation Modification

Mr. Wayne Silver, Executive Director of the Police Training & Standards Commission (PTSC, stated that no changes have been made to the regulation since previous approval. Mr. Gary Gardner, MPCTC Director of Policy, will begin the submission process to make it effective August 7, 2023.

A MOTION to approve the final regulation was made by Mr. John Moses: SECONDED: Mr. Richard Gibson. The MOTION carried.

c) New Objective Program

Mr. 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. They are on schedule to review the updated objectives by the second week August and to bring them before the commission by September.

5. New Business

a) Mediation Model Policy

Mr. Silver introduced Lorig Charkoudian, Director of Community Mediation Maryland. Ms. Charkoudian explained the role of mediation within the community and police complaint mediation program. She noted that accountability can be reached through dialogue and understanding of how the actions impact the complainant. Written into law in 2014 and a set of standard processes were in place and as a result there are 16 centers around the state that are funded by the Maryland Judiciary to allow free services to all police departments. Community Mediation Maryland offers a free 50 hour training apprenticeship and certification a 24 hour training in Police Complaint Mediation program.

A MOTION to adopt the Police Complaint Model Mediation program was made by Mr. John Moses: SECONDED: Mr. Richard Gibson. The MOTION carried.

b) Regulation Recommendation

Chief Marcus Jones of the Montgomery County Police spoke of recent changes to the cannabis laws in the state allowing for recreational use and the challenges as it relates to recruitment. Chief Jones is requesting changes to the current regulation 12.04.01.06G to address the acceptable time between last use and hiring and testing once a candidate is hired.

A MOTION to require the Commission staff to investigate potential changes to the regulation in reference to prior use and testing was made by Mr. Richard Gibson: SECONDED: Mr. Ray Kelly. The MOTION carried.

c) Selection of Chair & Vice Chair

Mr. Silver addressed the Commission stating that due to term limits and member changes there is a vacancy for a Chair.

A MOTION to elect Colonel Roland Butler as the Chair was made by Mr. John Moses: SECONDED: Chief Michael Spaulding. The MOTION carried.

Colonel Butler resigned as Vice Chair and accepted the position of Chair, leaving the Vice Chair seat available.

A MOTION to elect Mr. Richard Gibson as the Vice Chair was made by Mr. Clyde Boatwright: SECONDED: Sheriff Scott Adams. The MOTION carried.

Colonel Butler announced that the Commission would hear the next six items in Closed Session.

Recorder's Note: Ms. Cross read the required closed session statement into the record.

A MOTION was made by Chief Michael Spaulding to adjourn to a Closed Session: SECONDED: Sheriff Scott Adams. The Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned to a Closed Session at 11:15am.

Recorder's Note: This concluded the closed session. The meeting adjourned to an open session at 4:29 p.m.

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

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Chief Michael Spaulding: SECONDED: Mr. Patrick Campbell The MOTION carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 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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