



Wicomico County Police Accountability Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/18/2023

Location: Government Office Building, Room 301

Time: 3:00PM- 5:00PM

Recorded Meeting

Attendees: Gaylon Adkins, Deanna Hall, Habacuc Petion, David Owens, Debbie Hammel, Andrew Illuminati, Esq. (County Attorney), Asiah Baines (Recording Secretary), Police Commanders and Chiefs from Wicomico County Sheriff's Office, Fruitland, Police Department, Salisbury Police Department, and Delmar Police Department

The Police Accountability Board (PAB) met on January 18, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Andrew Illuminati, due to the Chair, Ron Lewis', absence at 3:20 P.M.

I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Andrew Illuminati called for approval of the minutes from the PAB meeting on 11/16/2022. David Owens motion for approval of the minutes and Deanna Hall seconded the motion. All PAB members were in favor of the approval of the minutes.

II. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

PAB Members suggested an attendance process that involved every member to communicate about attendance. Gaylon Adkins and David Owens suggested that all members RSVP the Friday before the next meeting in order to alleviate an inadequate number of members attending a meeting. Members also asked what is expected of the Police Agency Commanders when meeting quarterly.

Habacuc Petion asked about community involvement, outreach programs, and how the public files a complaint. Andrew Illuminati suggested organizations for members to meet with and possibly meeting with the complainants after adjudications for suggestions. Chief Plunkert of Fruitland Police Department suggested meeting with officers after the adjudication of a complaint to communicate what changes can be made.

Members also discussed the new marijuana laws and how it will affect the Police Agencies in traffic stops. Members asked commanders and chiefs what are they doing within the community, specifically, tips from the community in order to better protect the community. They also asked what are the main reasons of complaints in their agencies and areas they patrol. Members even suggested mediation instead of a complete



investigation for minor complaints due to most complainants wanting their voice to be heard along with explaining Police Agency policies and procedures.

Actions: Police Agencies will provide members with 5 years of demographic data at the next quarterly meeting in April to compare complaints throughout a 5-year time frame.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was motioned to be adjourned at 4:50pm by David Owens and it was seconded by Deanna Hall. All members were in favor.

Next PAB Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2023