

April 1, 2026

A meeting of the **Kent County Police Accountability Board** was called to order at 3:00 P.M. with the following in attendance: Barry Byers (Accountability Officer), Tara Short (Administrative Specialist), Joan Horsey (Acting Chair), Nancy Grahmer, Johnnie Jones, Leon Frison, Kay Pritzlaff, Sheriff Hickman, Cpt. Kettner, Chief Dempsey, and Bobby Mowell (County Attorney).

CALL TO ORDER

The PAB Acting Chair reminded members of confidentiality and meeting rules regarding the Police Accountability Board, adhering to "Roberts Rules of Order."

AGENDA APPROVAL

A motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 7, 2026, minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Acting Chair thanked Barry Byers (former Chair) for his service to the PAB and congratulated him on becoming the Accountability Officer.

Chair stated that the ACC will be reviewing a case at today's (4/1/2026) meeting.

Chair stated there is one pending case from Chestertown Police Department.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Chair reviewed 2025 forward facing data.

Chair informed the board that the Accountability Officer has invited the Director of the PG Municipal Police Academy to come and give a presentation on the state requirements for a certified police officer to the PAB, which will take place at the August meeting.

Accountability Officer stated that he will try once a quarter to have a guest speaker come in and speak on various items (i.e. use of force).

Chief Dempsey (Rock Hall Police Department) thanked the Accountability Officer for his hard work helping revamp Rock Hall's General Orders.

Dempsey informed the board of upcoming activities in the town of Rock Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

GOOD OF ORDER DISCUSSION

The next meeting will be May 6, 2026

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Approximately 3:08 pm, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed by all members present to adjourn the meeting.

The complete meeting is available on <https://kentcountymd.portal.civicclerk.com/>

Respectfully submitted.

Tara Short

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Administrative Specialist

Approved:

Joan Horsey

Joan Horsey, Acting PAB Chair
Kent County Police Accountability Board