



ADVISORY COMMISSION ON POLICING

Monday, August 11, 2025 Minutes

Commission members present: C. Arthur Blair, Cherri Branson, Kristy Daphnis, Christina DeLane, Sony George, Francisco Javier González, Henry Mulzac, Eva Quittman, John Stephenson, Sean Watson [10 members]

Commission members absent: Brian Bellamy, Lauren Cotton, Terry Walsh

Ex-officio members present: Sgt. Cate Brewer (FOP), Lt. Jeff Innocenti (MCPD)

Support staff: Logan Anbinder, Susan Farag

- I. Call to Order and Attendance (6:37 PM)**
 - Vice Chair Quittman called the meeting to order at 6:37PM, chairing the meeting in the place of Chair Bellamy. A quorum of ACP members was present.
- II. Approval of Draft Minutes, July (6:37 PM)**
 - Minutes approved without objection.
- III. Compliance Subcommittee – Status Report (6:38 PM)**
 - Mx. Quittman provided an update on the subcommittee. The subcommittee is continuing its review of the Effective Law Enforcement for All (ELE4A) report.
- IV. School Safety Subcommittee – Status Report (6:39 PM)**
 - Mr. Watson briefly summarized the work of the School Safety Subcommittee and that the subcommittee met with Lt. Innocenti regarding the current Community Engagement Officer model.
- V. Data Subcommittee – Status Report (6:41 PM)**
 - The subcommittee has not met since the previous full ACP meeting but has identified its scope of work. Ms. DeLane has joined the subcommittee.
- VI. Updates – Commission staff – Proposed public forum (6:43 PM)**

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- Council staff provided updates regarding the public forum, including that the forum could be hosted in the Council hearing room and livestreamed. [NOTE: Subsequent to this meeting, Council staff received an update that the Council would be unable to stream the public forum.]
- **ACTION:** Vice Chair Quittman and Ms. Branson will draft language to inform the press release for the public forum.
- **VOTE:** Ms. Daphnis moved and Mr. Watson seconded that the public hearing be held in the following format: Held in person but streamed virtually with the ability for residents viewing the livestream to share comments on social media. Commission members would read comments as part of the forum in real time. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Branson suggested that the ACP write MCPD to request comment after the public forum on feedback shared by the community during the forum.
- **ACTION:** Council staff will invite Councilmembers to attend and listen at the public hearing in September. Commissioners were in consensus that Councilmembers should be listening, not speaking, and that if they wished to speak they should be called on in the same manner as members of the public.
- Mr. González encouraged commissioners to share the press release for the public forum with members of their respective communities once it is available.

VII. Draft letter requesting an update on MCPD's booking photo release policy and practice (7:15 PM)

- **VOTE:** Mr. González moved and Ms. Branson seconded to send this letter to MCPD with the addition of the new language as indicated in the bullet point below. Ms. Daphnis moved and Mr. Stephenson seconded an amendment to first incorporate any necessary grammatical and spelling corrections and adding the following language. This motion passed unanimously.
- Additional language to include in this letter: "To avoid misperceptions, we believe that with the exceptions of cases in which the department is trying to find or identify the identity of a suspect, or to find other possible victims of the suspect, mugshots or other photos of a person arrested and/or charged should not be included in MCPD press releases. They may be released upon request of a media organization."

VIII. Draft letter regarding MCPD's policy FC-210 – Mission and Organizational Values (7:32 PM)

- **VOTE:** Ms. Branson moved and Mr. Mulzac seconded to send this letter with some rearrangement of the points in the letter and a further explanation of the terms "policing by consent" and "community policing" as used in the letter. This motion passed unanimously.

IX. Draft letter regarding MCPD's use of force FC – 131 policy (7:38 PM)

- **VOTE:** Ms. Branson moved and Mr. Mulzac seconded approval of this letter with an edit to move from the endnote into the body of the letter acknowledgment that the concept of "excited delirium" is no longer used by MCPD. This motion passed unanimously.

X. Old business – Community comment auto response – update (7:51 PM)

- The language for the community comment auto response will be left as-is until after the September meeting, at which time the ACP will revisit it.
- **ACTION:** Staff will add this to the agenda for the October meeting.

XI. New Business (7:54 PM)

- The commission revisited the issue of MCPD encryption of radio communication. Mr. González summarized the Council staff report's description of other jurisdictions' means of providing public information about encrypted communication. The states of Colorado and New York require that the media be able to receive access to encrypted communication, and the City of Baltimore posts its communications on a website with a 15-minute time delay. Mr. González suggested that the ACP may want to recommend one of these steps, or a similar action, to MCPD.
- Commissioners discussed potential costs associated with the Baltimore model. Commissioners also discussed privacy concerns.
- Ms. Branson raised concern about the possibility that the County might limit access to the encrypted radio feeds to a set of people with credentials (e.g. press). Several commissioners agreed on the importance that all members of the public be able to access the radio transmissions.
- **ACTION:** Mr. González will draft a letter to the Council regarding this issue for the ACP to consider at its October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.