



ADVISORY COMMISSION ON POLICING

Monday, September 9, 2025

6:30PM to 8:00 PM

Minutes

Commission members present: Brian Bellamy, C. Arthur Blair, Cherri Branson, Kristy Daphnis, Christina DeLane, Sony George, Francisco Javier González, Henry Mulzac, Eva Quittman, John Stephenson, Terry Walsh, Sean Watson [12 members]

Commission members absent: Lauren Cotton

Ex-officio members present: Sgt. Cate Brewer (FOP), Capt. Kathy Estrada (MCPD)

Support staff: Logan Anbinder, Susan Farag

I. Call to Order and Attendance

- Ms. Farag provided some preliminary opening remarks. She recognized Councilmembers in attendance – Council President Stewart and Public Safety Chair Katz, as well as representatives from offices of CM Alborno, CM Friedson, and CM Sayles.
- Chair Bellamy called the meeting to order at 6:32PM. A quorum of ACP members was present. He introduced Vice Chairs Mr. González and Mx. Quittman.

II. Background

- Vice Chair González provided some background on the ACP. This included information about the history, composition, mission, responsibilities, and priorities, as well as a review of the ACP's work to date. This information is available in the slides available in conjunction with these minutes.
- Vice Chair González indicated that two members of the ACP have previous experience working as members of law enforcement, six members have completed the MCPD Citizens Academy, and a number of members have participated in ride-alongs with MCPD.
- Members of the ACP, including ex-officio members, introduced themselves.
- Vice Chair González clarified the distinction between the ACP and the Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committee.

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III. Listening Session

- Vice Chair Quittman moderated the public listening session.
- Mr. Elwood Gray spoke in favor of the institution of an Officer Friendly program within MCPD.
- Mr. Rob Landau spoke representing Silver Spring Justice Coalition (SSJC) in favor of a comprehensive legislative approach to surveillance technology in the County, including guarding against its potential misapplication and misuse.
- Ms. Robin Yasnow spoke, also representing SSJC, in favor of enhanced mental health responses to emergency calls.
- Mr. Mark Disler spoke in favor of identifying ways to increase police staffing in the County. He urged the ACP to rescind its letter of support for the Freedom to Leave Act and suggested that the ACP advise MCPD to repeal some of its new policies regarding consent searches.
- Mr. Aaron Droller from Silver Spring spoke in favor of reinstituting the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. He expressed his view that the replacement program, the Community Engagement Officer (CEO) program, is inadequate.
- Dr. Sheryl Brissett Chapman of Silver Spring spoke regarding juvenile justice. She expressed appreciation for the ACP's initiative regarding safety in schools. She expressed concern about African-American males' safety in schools and requested the ACP conduct an impact analysis to identify the differential impact of school safety policies on the safety of Black male children.
- Ms. Valerie Davis, the convener of the Black Coalition for Excellence in Education, spoke. She associated herself with Dr. Chapman's comments and requested ACP action regarding MCPD's interactions and relationship with MCPS.
- Ms. Andrea Kronzek spoke in support and appreciation of MCPD officers and expressed her view that commissioners should be required to participate in ride-alongs, attend the Citizens Academy, and view all Public Safety Committee worksessions.
- Mr. Elias Baylor spoke representing Fox 5 in Bethesda. He inquired regarding the encryption of police radio communications. Vice Chair González indicated that the Commission is in the process of finalizing their position on this issue.
- Ms. Davis spoke again to encourage the ACP to advise the County's elected leaders to object to the federal government's targeting of Black youth.

IV. Adjournment

- Chair Bellamy thanked the public for participating in the public forum. He thanked Council staff for their support and noted that individuals can leave additional comments via the public comment form on the ACP website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.