



Police Accountability Board

September 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location

101 Monroe Street, 6th floor
Rockville, MD 20850

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81437602787>

Mission

The PAB will meet with the Takoma Park Police Department to ask questions on policing policy, accountability, and public concerns.

Attendance

Members Present (In-person and remote)

- Bishop Paul Walker
- George Llubes
- Alicia Hudson
- Katharine Manning
- Alvin McCray
- Thomas Williams
- Ronald Wright
- Chris Zatrutz

Members Not Present

- Ken Kellner

Proof of Quorum

8 of the 9 members of the Police Accountability Board were present. According to the rule, a minimum of voting members was present to call the meeting to order.

Staff Present

- Forrest Gilman-Reilly
- Lindsay Bolt

Guests

- Deputy Chief Shibu Philipose
- Capt. Cody Evans
- Capt. Matthew Muzzatti
- Robert Landau

Guest Speakers

- Chief Antonio DeVaul, Takoma Park Police Department (TPPD)

Handouts

- No handouts.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed members of the public and Chief Antonio DeVaul, TPPD

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for August 21, 2025. Approved. (7 Yes/0 No)

Review and Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for September 18, 2025. Approved. (7 Yes/0 No)

Meeting Minutes Agenda Items

1. Staff Report
 - a. Monthly Complaint Report - August 2025
 - b. Annual Report – Reminders
 - i. Reminder for the board to send staff Annual Report section rough drafts by September 18th, 2025 (tonight’s meeting) to ensure timely completion before the end of the year.
 - c. Baltimore City hosting Police Accountability Summit – October 20, 2025.
 - d. Announcement – Appointment of Administrative Charging Committee members
 - i. 2 seats to be appointed by PAB; Staff will provide PAB elected officers (Walker/Lluberes) with recommendations/resumes from the ACC – Confidential.
 - e. Announced PAB would hold a closed session (Personnel matter) at the Oct 16, 2025, meeting.
 - f. Review Action Items
 - i. Met with Montgomery County’s Advisory Commission on Policing (ACP) Support Staff regarding potential relationship/partnership; ACP has different responsibilities, therefore not interested in participating at this time.

Action Item - Staff to send the Board a Case Viewer which can be downloaded by the Board members to perform analysis

Action Item - Staff to send the Board 2024 Annual Reports from other Counties around the State

Action Item - Staff working to schedule listening tour date per the Listening Tour Ad Hoc Group request

2. Public Comments

- a. Noted previous request to have the PAB post on their website, when an Agency requests a Trial Board Member and Trial Board hearing dates.
- b. Noted previous request to have PAB report out to the public any ACC decisions overturned by the Trial Board decision.

3. New Business

- a. Motion to elect George Lluberes as Vice Chair (7 Yes/0 No)
- b. The PAB noted their interest in formalizing a rotation of elected positions at a future meeting and thanked Kate Manning for her service to the Board.

4. PAB Members Questions to Chief Antonio DeVaul, TPPD

- a. Chief DeVaul noted a response was sent on September 15 from Chiefs/Sheriff of Montgomery County Law Enforcement Agencies requesting the PAB to review their mandate under Montgomery County Code Section 35-24 and Maryland Public Safety Code Section 3-102; noting the LEAs believed the PAB questions being outside the scope of the Board.
- b. Chief DeVaul noted willingness to schedule/attend another future meeting for Takoma Park and the Board to discuss once the Board had a chance to review and respond to the LEA response.
- c. Motion to table the original questions from the August 22 memo until October 16th (8 Yes/0 No)

5. Staff Question to Antonio DeVaul, TPPD

- a. Does Takoma Park have a place on their public website where members of the public can find information related to upcoming Administrative Trial Boards? Will it be held In-Person or Hybrid?

Deputy Chief Philipose stated affirmatively TPPD has an active site with this info: [<https://takomaparkmd.gov/1790/Administrative-Trial-Boards>]. The Hearing will be held in-person at Heffner Park Community Center. A second facility will be used for public streaming due to occupancy restraints.

- b. What is the procedure for entry to the Hearing if a member of the public wishes to attend?

Deputy Chief Philipose responded that the public can expect an Officer to be stationed at the entrance, and a wand will be used to confirm no weapons enter the facility.

- c. How often is this page updated?

Deputy Chief Philipose responded that the website would be updated as new Hearings are confirmed, as this is their first Administrative Hearing Board; the page has not been updated since its inception.

- d. Tell us about your Community Engagement efforts in Takoma Park.

Chief DeVaul responded that the department is focused on outreach to the community and ensuring that members of the community know who they are and that their police are here to provide them with service. Due to current events, many in the community are fearful of the immigration discussion currently going on in the world, and as a sanctuary city, he wants members of the community not to move towards underreporting public safety concerns. In addition, Chief DeVaul proudly described both the diversity and the ability to speak 7 different languages among the police force. Community engagements noted were the Breakfast with Santa event and the LGBTQ+ liaison.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on October 16, 2025.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.