



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Full UCAB Meeting MINUTES

December 15, 2025

HYBRID MEETING

In Person: UpCounty Regional Services Center

12900 Middlebrook Rd, Germantown, MD 20874

Online Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86764418255>

Meeting ID: 867 6441 8255

By phone: 301-715-8592

7:02 p.m. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

7:03 p.m. **Minutes Approved** (Moved by Connie Golleher, Seconded by Paul Klee)

7:04 p.m. **Police Report**

Commander Dillman (D#6, Gaithersburg/Montgomery Village):

Contact and noncontact shootings continue.

An assault on a police officer—perpetrator armed with ax—handled successfully using de-escalatory protocols

Stabbing at a smoke shop—part of an on-going dispute—attempted murder charges brought

Commander Picerno (D#5, Germantown):

Increase in aggravated assault—domestic

Two-three shootings at residences in past month

Robberies in Germantown Town Center—usually for name brand clothing

Repeated juvenile conduct on the increase—not seeing detention or services. The concern was reiterated by one commander that, without services or diversions, repetitive juvenile crime turns into seasoned criminals at 18+

Pursuit of vehicle going wrong way I-270 from Frederick.

Patrol investigations on burglary uncovered child pornography investigation

Commander Satinsky (represented by a Lieutenant)(D#1, Rockville):

Success of specialized patrol that hears live 911 to proactively arrive before call is dispatched if in the area

Board Member Klee asked about update of House Party progress in Darnestown-update will be given at next meeting.

7:30 p.m. **County Council Updates**

Leudtke: Noted Public Safety Townhall at Damascus High School; tentative dates for CIP hearing 2/8-9

Balcombe: Noted 12/8 briefing from DOT on Safe Streets Act (which includes No Right Turn on Red); indicated that DOT was continuing to study; Council is not considering amendments to law at this time without study

Glass: Noted a 1/10 Pedestrian Forum

7:49 p.m.

Montgomery County Public Schools.

Natalie Zimmerman, District 2, Board of Education

MCPS goal is to achieve 4 star ranking for all schools. MCPS published rubric for schools and public so schools would know how they were being judged which helped several schools raise their ranking. Criteria does include staff and family participation and staff turnover.

Math and English proficiency—noted challenges with achieving higher test scores. More summer school offerings in UpCounty are needed to avoid summer slide. Noted that Title 1 status affects which schools get offerings.

Noted concerns about availability of summer meals at schools from Clarksburg northward. Summer school offerings could help increase the availability.

Absenteeism as a measure of decline in school ranking. Chronic absenteeism is defined as 10% or more of school days missing. A letter is sent home if close to threshold. Goal is 95%+ not chronically absent. This is happening in elementary and middle schools, but not high schools. High school is at 92%. Family involvement is a factor.

Discussed history of Loss of Credit policy for unexcused absent or tardies. This policy changed during the pandemic due to concerns regarding disparities in implementation and inequities.

Changes to grading policy were also noted as making more difficult now to skip a significant portion of semester and pass.

Discussed boundary review—using Crown or Wooten as a holding school; Darnestown desire to be moved from Northwest cluster to Quince Orchard (via community civic member)

Discussed concerns regarding school budget pressures—less Federal money, special education funding, funding for teacher healthcare and pension. Hopeful some money could be saved by contracting less.

Encouraged to boe@mcpsmd.org (summary of all e-mail sent to all members, track issues)

8:50 p.m.

Capital Improvement Budget

Plan for a vote in January. Ask for requests and ideas.

8:55 p.m.

Regional Director's Report

Homelessness task force first meeting 11/24—discussed drop-in short-term services and shelter as a long-term goal.

Noted 12/14 Menorah lighting

Appointment of Shebra Evans to fill At-Large seat previously held by Councilmember Albornos.

8:58 p.m. **Community Concerns:** none

9:00 p.m. **Adjourn** (moved by Paul Klee; seconded by Teresa Watkins)

Roll Call (P) Present (EA) Excused Absence (A) Absent

Andrew Saundry (P)

Christel Bivens (P)

Colin Richard (P)

Constance Golleher (A)

Dana Pauley (P)

Denesh Malaveetil (EA)

Jason George (P)

Lynn Arndt (P)

Marc Robles (A)

Mary Keane (P)

Matthew Woorman (P)

Melane Hoffmann (P)

Michelle Ashafa (P)

Paul Klee (P)

Paul Lauria (EA)

Sarah Stevens (P)

Sharon Anthony (P)

Steven Muse (P)

Teresa Watkins (P)

Woody Woodroof (P)