



**Howard County Police Department (HCPD)  
Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC)  
Monthly Member Meeting**

**Minutes  
November 17, 2021**

Opened: 7:00p  
 Closed: 8:01p  
 Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Susan Watkins, Chair, HCPD CAC, Presiding Officer, brought the meeting to order at 7:02p.

**Welcome**

- The Presiding Officer welcomed the members and HCPD personnel.

**Roll Call**

- The roll was called; the Secretary noted a quorum.

Member Roll Call:

	<b>CAC Member</b>		<b>CAC Member</b>		<b>CAC Member</b>
	Larry Aaronson (E)		Eileen Harity	✓	Tim Pierce
✓	Steve Bolen	✓	Linda Lee Hickerson	✓	Paul Rivers
	William Brockett		Jacquelyn Hopkins	✓	Lewis Saunders
✓	Denise Brockington	✓	Monique Jenkins	✓	Sami Saydjari
✓	Larry Buehler	✓	Jeff Kulik		Raghid Shourbaji
✓	Sandy Cederbaum		Morris Levine	✓	Ed Sprinkle
✓	Paul Edwards	✓	Keith McGuire	✓	Susan Watkins
✓	Lesley Flaim	✓	Adia Moore	✓	Camela Williams
	Britany Geger		PeteR Newman		Nollie Wood
✓	Andrew Hall	✓	Chandrakant Patel	✓	Dave Zeleznik
✓	Jim Happel		Steve Pidliskey		Jean Xu

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	<b>Applicants</b>
✓	Jerry Wykoff (1)

- HCPD in Attendance: Chief Lisa Myers and Lt. Adrienne Thomas (CAC Advisor).
- Special Guest(s)/Presentation: None.
- Other Guests in Attendance: None.



### **Presiding Officer Remarks/Announcements**

- The Presiding Officer announced that the meeting was being recorded.
- The November meeting agenda was reviewed.

### **October Minutes and Chief's Report**

- The Presiding Officer asked the members if they received the October meeting minutes and Chief's Report; no member indicated they had not received the documents.
- The Presiding Officer asked if anyone had comments or questions about the documents.
  - Chair Watkins asked about the permits in the Chief's Report. Lt. Thomas said they were for special events such as parades, Symphony of Lights, etc.
- The Presiding Officer stated that the minutes were approved.

### **Induction of New Members/Applicants**

- Ed Sprinkle was inducted into the CAC.

### **Annual Meeting**

- The annual meeting will be held on December 15, starting at 11:30a at Mission BBQ in Ellicott City. Members will stand in line to get their food and take it to the private room. The meeting will start after the foodservice.
- The meeting is open to members only as we will be conducting business.
- The Chair will send out the annual report ahead of the meeting.
- Service certificates will be awarded at the meeting.

### **Elections Reminders**

- Elections for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Board Member-at-Large will be held during the meeting in January.
- The Presiding Officer asked members to familiarize themselves with Article VI of the Bylaws, which contains information about the elections.
- The Presiding Officer encourages all members to run for office.
- Member Pidliskey has sent information about the nomination and election process.

### **Vote on the Bylaws as Amended**

- The Presiding Officer asked the members if they had received the amended Bylaws. No one responded that they had not received the Bylaws as amended.
- The Presiding Officer opened the floor for discussion on the Bylaws as amended; no discussion was heard.
- The Presiding Officer called for a motion to approve the Bylaws as amended: Member Rivers moved to approve; Member Hall seconded. Twenty-one members present during the vote, and five members voting via absentee ballot, voted *YES* to approve the Bylaws as amended. No member voted NO or ABSTAINED. (See Appendix A for the register of votes.)

*Note: The membership stands at thirty-two eligible voting members; Two-thirds of the membership (i.e., 22 members) are required to approve an amendment to the Bylaws.*



### **Chief's Remarks**

- On Sunday, November 21, the Department will host its annual community football game at Centennial High School with the NAACP, Howard County Chapter.
- Shop-with-a-cop will be held on December 11 at the Walmart in Columbia off of Dobbin Rd.
- On December 11, the Police Foundation will hold its HoCo Kids holiday party for the BearTrax students.
- The County Council has approved the budget for the Body-Worn Camera (BWC) program. Lt. Mike Johnson will lead the program.
- Per the recent changes mandated by Maryland's police reform legislation, the Department has already received requests for internal personnel records,
- Under the police reform legislation, the County will establish a Police Accountability Board (PAB). The Board will need to stand up by July 2022. The Chief encourages members of the CAC to apply to sit on the Board.
- The Chief thanked Members Bolen and Rivers for giving testimony about the PAB at the last County Council meeting. Both members testified that the Board should consist of fair and reasonable-minded persons.
- The Chief suggested the CAC invite the Internal Affairs Division (IAD) to brief us on some of the Department's internal policies and practices.
- The Chief suggested researching local area boards and trying to model ours after successful ones.
- Member Williams asked the Chief what criterion should be used at to know if a board is successful. The Chief said to look for a board whose docket is not full of trivial complaints to overload the system.
- Member Rivers said that in his experience, it could be worthwhile for the PAB to have an independent law enforcement agency help provide insight into an issue.
- Member Edwards suggested that board members should be neutral and not necessarily knowledgeable about policies and practices; they can be informed, like a jury, but do not have to have deep knowledge of policies and practices.
- Member Hickerson asked how BWCs will be used in the accountability process. The Chief said BWCs will be critical to help bring light to the truth of an incident. But, she reminded us that BWCs are not a panacea, and there will be limitations.
- Member Jenkins asked if the Board would investigate civilian complaints and/or Department imitated policy violations, whether the Board would only sustain such complaints, and if it would determine disciplinary action. She also asked if the Board will have subpoena power. The Chief said the Board would adjudicate civilian complaints and provide recommendations for disciplinary action. It is TBD if the Board would have subpoena power.
- Member Patel asked how long a Board member would serve. The Chief said that membership would be three years.

### **Chief's Retirement**

- Chief Lisa Myers will be retiring at the end of the year. Last month, she celebrated her 31<sup>st</sup> year with the Department.
- The Chief thanked the CAC for its hard work to help connect the Department to the community.
- Chair Watkins thanked the Chief for her long and honorable service to our County.
- On behalf of the CAC, Chair Watkins presented Chief Myers with a card and retirement gift. The gift was a glass clock with the inscription: "May you be proud of the work you have done, the



person you are, and the difference you have made. Happy retirement, HCPD Citizens' Advisory Council, 2021."

**Adjournment**

- The Presiding Officer reminded the members that the December meeting would take place at Mission BBQ in Ellicott City; a social will follow the meeting.
- The Presiding Officer asked if anyone had any other business to discuss. Hearing none, she closed the meeting.

The Presiding Officer adjourned the meeting at 8:01p.

The Howard County Police Department, Citizens' Advisory Council stands in adjournment until  
**December 15, 2021 at 11:30a.**

Minutes taken by Steven Bolen, Secretary.

Susan Watkins  
Chair (*Presiding*)

David Zeleznik  
Vice-Chair

Eileen Harrity  
Member-at-Large

Andrew Hall  
Immediate Past Chair



**APPENDIX A**

**Register of Votes on the Question to Approve the Amended Bylaws  
November 17, 2021**

	<b>CAC Member</b>		<b>CAC Member</b>		<b>CAC Member</b>
NV	Larry Aaronson (E)	Y*	Eileen Harrity	Y	Tim Pierce
Y	Steve Bolen	Y	Linda Lee Hickerson	Y	Paul Rivers
	William Brockett		Jacquelyn Hopkins	Y	Lewis Saunders
Y	Denise Brockington	Y	Monique Jenkins	Y	Sami Saydjari
Y	Larry Buehler	Y	Jeff Kulik		Raghid Shourbaji
Y	Sandy Cederbaum	Y*	Morris Levine	Y	Ed Sprinkle
Y	Paul Edwards	Y	Keith McGuire	Y	Susan Watkins
Y	Lesley Flaim	Y	Adia Moore	Y	Camela Williams
	Britany Geger	Y*	Peter Newman	Y*	Nollie Wood
Y	Andrew Hall	Y	Chandrakant Patel	Y	Dave Zeleznik
	Jim Happel	Y*	Steve Pidliskey		Jean Xu

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**VOTE LEGEND**

Y = Yes (approve)

N = No (do not approve)

A = Abstain

\* = Voted Absentee

NV = Non-Voting member (Emeritus Status)

Blank = Did Not Vote