

MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

Minutes – 228th Meeting – April 15, 2026

6852 4th Street, Sykesville, MD 21784

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carolyn J. Scruggs, Secretary, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Chair)
Betsy Tolentino, Acting Secretary, Department of Juvenile Services
Anthony Gaskins, Chief of Staff, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
David Greene, Deputy Secretary of Operations, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Christopher Klein, Superintendent, Anne Arundel County Detention Center, President, Maryland Correctional Administrators Association, (Vice Chair)
Colonel David Stem, representing, President, Maryland Sheriffs' Association
Nicole Ebb, President, Maryland Criminal Justice Association
Sharon Connors, Assistant Attorney General, Representing the Attorney General
Margaret Chippendale, Director, Howard County Corrections, Central Region Representative
Hyanna Barnett, Captain, Regional Representative
Betsy Shoemake, Lieutenant, Western Region Representative
Dr. Yolanda Bethea, Executive Director, Division of Parole & Probation
Rayneika Robinson, Division of Parole & Probation

MEMBERS ABSENT

Matthew Fonseca, A/Deputy Secretary of Residential Services, Department of Juvenile Services
Dr. Beverly O'Bryant, representing the President, Coppin State University
Ayodele Okunoren, Sergeant, Correctional Officer of the State
Monica Peña, Captain, Capital Region Representative
Daryl Washington, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Juveniles Services

STAFF PRESENT

Daedra Carrio Westby, Executive Director, Correctional Training Commission
Kate Gossard, Executive Director, Public Safety Education & Training Center
Matthew Mellady, Deputy Director, Correctional Training Commission (virtual)
Elise Ice, Office of the Attorney General
Lucy Lyles, Director, Certification & Compliance
Chaka Cross, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Carrie Layman, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Katie Johnson, Registrar (Media)
Isaac Marshall, (Media)

Chair, Secretary Scruggs, called the 228th meeting of the Correctional Training Commission (CTC) at the Public Safety Education and Training Center to order at 9:59 a.m.

The agenda was as follows:

1. Training and Standards Report (01:24)

No action

2. Legal Issues (03:24)

No action

3. Old Business

- a) Updated AFC (04:04)
- b) Foreign Background Updated Survey Results (06:33)

Recorder's Note: Sec. Tolentino enters at 10:07 a.m.

A MOTION to create workgroup regarding 1. Minimum requirements for background checks and certification of non-citizens and 2. Minimum standards for mandated maintenance and renewal of certification for all employees was made by Ms. Conners: SECONDED: Supt. Klein. The MOTION carried.

- c) New Member Update (23:54)
 - i. Brian Gardiner – Southern Region Representative
 - ii. Joseph Hughes – Eastern Region Representative

4. New Business

- a) Reporting Academic Failures (24:39)

A MOTION to adjourn to closed session was made by Chief Gaskins: SECONDED: Capt. Barnett. The MOTION carried. The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:38 a.m.

Members voting in closed session: Secretary Tolentino; Chief Gaskins; Dep. Sec. Greene, Supt. Klein.; Colonel Stem; Ms. Ebb; Ms. Conners; Director Chippendale; Capt. Barnett; Lt. Shoemake; Dr. Bethea; Ms. Robinson.

Persons attending closed session: In addition to voting Commission Members; Secretary Scruggs, Director Carrio Westby; Deputy Director Mellady; Director Lyles; AAG Ice; Ms. Cross; Ms. Layman; Ms. Johnson; Mr. Marshall; Ms. Gossard.

Recorder's Note: Begin closed session at 10:40 a.m.

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: Personnel matters

Topics actually discussed:

Request for Certification was denied for an applicant of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

A MOTION was made by Capt. Barnett to reconvene open session: SECONDED: Ms. Ebb. The MOTION carried unanimously.

Recorder's Note: This concluded the closed session. The meeting reconvened to an open session at 11:00 a.m.

Ms. Cross announced the outcome of the items heard in closed session. (43:35)

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Chief Gaskins: SECONDED: Dr. Bethea. The MOTION carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

These "minutes" are a synopsis of the Commissions' decisions. The audio recording is available at <https://mpctc.dpscs.maryland.gov/ctc.htm>