

MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION
Minutes – 227th Meeting – January 14, 2026
6852 4th Street, Sykesville, MD 21784

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carolyn J. Scruggs, Secretary, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Chair)
Anthony Gaskins, Chief of Staff, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Matthew Fonseca, A/Deputy Secretary of Residential Services, Department of Juvenile 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)
Sharon Conners, Assistant Attorney General, Representing the Attorney General
Margaret Chippendale, Director, Howard County Corrections, Central Region Representative
Hyanna Barnett, Captain, Regional Representative
Monica Peña, Captain, Capital Region Representative
Daryl Washington, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Juveniles Services
Betsy Shoemake, Lieutenant, Western Region Representative
Rayneika Robinson, Division of Parole & Probation

MEMBERS ABSENT

Betsy Tolentino, Acting Secretary, Department of Juvenile Services
Major Dennis Harmon, representing, President, Maryland Sheriffs' Association
Nicole Ebb, President, Maryland Criminal Justice Association
Dr. Beverly O'Bryant, representing the President, Coppin State University
Ayodele Okunoren, Sergeant, Correctional Officer of the State
Dr. Yolanda Bethea, Executive Director, Division of Parole & Probation

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)
Katie Johnson, Registrar (Media)
Isaac Marshall, (Media)

Chair, Secretary Scruggs, called the 227th meeting of the Correctional Training Commission (CTC) at the Public Safety Education and Training Center to order at 10:04 a.m.

The agenda was as follows:

1. Training and Standards Report (02:27)

No action

2. Legal Issues (06:51)

No action

3. New Business

- a) Application for Certification (07:36)
 - i) Cannabis Use

A MOTION was made to amend AFC section 9 to reflect current drug standard by Supt. Klein: SECONDED: Capt. Peña. The MOTION carried.

- ii) Criminal History/Background

Table for review by Commission staff

A MOTION to adjourn to closed session was made by Chief Gaskins: SECONDED: Asst. Supt. Washington. The MOTION carried. The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:32 a.m.

Recorders Note: Gaskins exit 10:37am -10:38 am

Members voting in closed session: Capt. Barnett; Director Chippendale; Ms. Conners; Dep. Sec. Fonseca; Mr. Gaskins; Dep. Sec. Greene; Supt. Klein; Capt. Peña; Ms. Robinson; Lt. Shoemake; Mr. Washington.

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. Johnson; Mr. Marshall; Ms. Gossard.

Recorder's Note: Break 11:27 am – 11:33 am

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

Topics actually discussed:

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

Recorder's Note: This concluded the closed session. The meeting reconvened to an open session at 11:48 a.m.

Ms. Cross announced the outcome of the items heard in closed session. (29:45)

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Chief Gaskins: SECONDED: Lt. Shoemake. The MOTION carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

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