MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSION
Minutes – 231st Meeting – July 15, 2026
6852 4th Street, Sykesville, MD 21784

MEMBERS PRESENT
Carolyn J. Scruggs, Secretary, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Chair)
Derrick Goins-Witherspoon, representing the Secretary, Department of Juvenile Services
Anthony Gaskins, Chief of Staff, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Todd Foote, representing the 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)
Nicole Ebb, President, Maryland Criminal Justice Association
Sharon Conners, Assistant Attorney General, Representing the Attorney General
Ayodele Okunoren, Sergeant, Correctional Officer of the State
Margaret Chippendale, Director, Howard County Corrections, Central Region Representative
Monica Peña, Captain, Prince George's County Department of Corrections, Capital Region Representative
Brian Gardiner, Captain, Charles County Sheriff's Office, Southern Regional Representative
Joseph Hughes, Director, Talbot County Department of Corrections, Eastern Regional Representative
Betsy Shoemake, Lieutenant, Allegany County Sheriff's Office Detention Center, Western Region Representative
Dr. Yolanda Bethea, Executive Director, Division of Parole & Probation
Rayneika Robinson, Division of Parole & Probation

MEMBERS ABSENT
Colonel David Stem, representing, President, Maryland Sheriffs' Association
Dr. Beverly O'Bryant, representing the President, Coppin State University

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
Kendall Desauliers, 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 231st meeting of the Correctional Training Commission (CTC) at the Public Safety Education and Training Center to order at 10:05 a.m.

The agenda was as follows:

1. Training and Standards Report (02:56)

No action

2. Legal Issues (04:36)

No action

3. Old Business

a) FLS/FLA Objectives Extension Request (06:10)

Recorder's Note: Ms. Robinson enters at 10:09 a.m.

A MOTION to not extend deadline to October 1, 2026, was made by Director Klein: SECONDED: Sgt. Okunoren. The MOTION carried.

4. New Business

a) AFC Language Discussion (13:49)

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 10:51 a.m. (46:00)

Members voting in closed session: Mr. Goins-Witherspoon; Chief Gaskins; Mr. Foote; Ms. Ebb; Ms. Conners; Sgt. Okunoren; Director Chippendale; Capt. Peña; Capt. Gardiner; Director Hughes; Lt. Shoemake; Dr. Bethea; Ms. Robinson.

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

Recorder's Note: Break 11:32- 11:39 Mr. Goins Witherspoon enters 11:39 a.m.

Recorder's Note: Mr. Foote enters 12:15 p.m.

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

Topics actually discussed:

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

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Request for Recertification was approved for an applicant of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Request for Certification was approved for an applicant of the Department of Juvenile Services.

Request for Certification was approved for an applicant of the Department of Juvenile Services.

Request for Certification was denied for an applicant of the Department of Juvenile Services.

Request for Recertification was approved for an applicant of the Department of Juvenile Services.

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

Recorder's Note: This concluded the closed session. The meeting reconvened to an open session at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Cross announced the outcome of the items heard in closed session. **(46:37)**

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Dr. Bethea: SECONDED: Capt. Peña. The MOTION carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:02 a.m.

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