

MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

Minutes – 65th Meeting – January 7, 2026

6852 4th Street, Sykesville, MD 21784

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Stephen Yates, President, Maryland Chiefs of Police Association
Sheriff Jim DeWees, President, Maryland Sheriffs' Association
Zenita Hurley, representing the Attorney General
Colonel Michael Jackson, Superintendent, Department of State Police
Jay Paul, Special Agent in Charge, Baltimore Office, FBI
Clyde Boatwright, President, Maryland State Fraternal Order of Police (Vice Chair)
Richard Gibson, Maryland State's Attorneys' Association (Chair)
Chief George Bacorn Chairman, MML Executive Association
Lt. Col. Matt Corell, representing the Police Commissioner, Baltimore Police Department
Chief Dan Franklin, President, Police Chiefs Association of Prince George's County
Joe Gamble, Wor-Wic Program Advisory Committee – Criminal Justice
Chief Amal Awad, Anne Arundel Police Department, Regional Representative
Deputy Sheriff D'Warren Lambirth, Prince George's County Sheriff, Regional Representative
Lt. Colonel Ronce Alford, MD Transportation Authority Police, Regional Representative
Raymond Kelly, Community Policing Expert
Khalilah Harris, Policing Standards Expert
Susan Radcliffe, Mental Health Expert
Colin Fraser, Citizen of the State
Patrick Campbell, Citizen of the State

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ganesha Martin, Citizen of the State

STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Silver, Executive Director, Police Training & Standards Commission
Matthew Mellady, Deputy Director, Police Training & Standards Commission
Kate Gossard, Executive Director, Public Safety Education & Training Center
Daedra Carrio Westby, Executive Director, Correctional Training Commission
Elise Ice, Office of the Attorney General
Chaka Cross, Recorder
Katie Johnson, Recorder
Lucy Lyles, Director, Certification & Compliance
Isaac Marshall, Media Specialist

Chair Gibson called the 65th meeting of the Police Training and Standards Commission (PTSC) from the Public Safety Education and Training Center to order at 9:10 a.m.

The agenda was as follows:

1. Commission Activities Report (2:11)

No action

2. Legal Issues (7:10)

No action

Recorder's Note: Mr. Campbell enters at 9:17 am

3. New Business

a) DPSCS PTSC Special Fund Request (9:27)

A MOTION to table for legal review was made by Chief Bacorn SECONDED: Mr. Boatwright. The MOTION carried.

b) Recertification & Out of State Training Validation (22:30)

A MOTION Require agencies hiring previously certified officers to review DT & EVOC training and attest that they will accept or retrain as part of the hiring process was made by Lt. Col. Correll: SECONDED: Chief Bacorn. The MOTION carried.

c) Record of Arrests & Prosecutions Back Service (RAP BACK) Use Related to Certifications (37:30)

A MOTION to allow Commission staff to explore the program and come up with options was made by Chief Bacorn: SECONDED: Chief Yates. The MOTION carried.

4. Old Business

a) Vice Chair Nominations (48:40)

A MOTION to nominate Mr. Boatwright for Vice Chair until the April meeting was made by Ms. Radcliffe: SECONDED: Sheriff DeWees. The MOTION carried.

Recorder's Note: Col. Jackson leaves meeting for the day and is replaced by his proxy, Lt. Col. Chappell at 10:01 am.

b) Commission Fund Report (51:08)

No Action

c) Vehicle Involved Fatalities (56:33)

A MOTION to assign an exploratory subcommittee to do further research was made by Lt. Col. Alford: SECONDED: Chief Yates. The MOTION carried.

Recorder's Note: Ms. Harris enters at 10:23 am

Recorder's Note: Break from 10:29 am – 10:43 am

A MOTION to adjourn to go to closed session was made by Lt. Col. Alford: SECONDED: Chief Bacorn. The MOTION carried unanimously. (53:40)

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 10:43 am.

Recorder's Note: Mr. Boatwright enters at 10:47 am

Recorder's Note: Break from 11:50 am – 1:00 pm

Recorder's Note: Chief Awad present at roll call, Sheriff DeWees gone for the day.

Recorder's Note: Lt. Col. Chappell out from 2:17 pm – 2:19pm

Recorder's Note: Chief Bacorn out from 2:19 pm – 2:20pm

Recorder's Note: Break 2:45-2:54

Members voting in closed session: Lt. Col. Alford; Chief Awad; Chief Bacorn; Mr. Boatwright; Lt. Col. Chappell; Mr. Campbell; Lt. Col. Corell; Sheriff DeWees; Chief Franklin; Mr. Fraser; Sheriff Gamble; Ms. Harris; Ms. Hurley; Mr. Kelly; Deputy Sheriff Lambirth; SAC Paul; Ms. Radcliffe; Chief Yates.

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

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

Topics actually discussed:

Request for Recertification was approved for an applicant of the Seat Pleasant Police Department.

Request for Recertification of an applicant was withdrawn by the Capitol Heights Police Department.

Request for Certification was approved for an applicant of the Anne Arundel County Police Department

Request for Certification was denied for an applicant of the Baltimore City Public School Police Department

Special Consideration for the certification of an applicant of the Baltimore Police Department was approved.

Special Consideration for the certification of an applicant of the Sykesville Police Department was approved.

A Revocation Request for an officer from the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Department tabled for legal review.

A MOTION was made by Chief Bacorn to return to an open session: SECONDED: Chief Franklin. The MOTION carried unanimously.

Recorder's Note: This concluded the closed session. The meeting returned to an open session at 3:17 p.m.

Ms. Cross announced the outcome of the items heard in closed session. **(55:30)**

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Ms. Harris: SECONDED: Chief Bacorn. The MOTION carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

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