A meeting of the Kent County Police Accountability Board was called to order at 3:00 P.M. with the following in attendance: Barry P. Byers (Chair), Valerie H. Jones (Administrative Specialist), Frank McGarvey (Accountability Officer) Joan Horsey, Lamonte Cooke, Johnnie L. Jones III, Esq., Kay Pritzlaff, Pastor Leon Frison, Gary Di Vito (ACC member), Severn E.S. Miller (ACC member), Shelly Schofield (ACC member), Dennis Hickman (Kent County Sheriff), Harry Kettner (KCSO) Ron Dixon (Chief Chestertown Police Department), Steven Linz (Lt. Chestertown Police Department) and Bill Dempsy (Chief Rock Hall Police Department).

CALL TO ORDER

The PAB Co Chair reminded members of confidentiality and meeting rules, adhering to "Roberts Rules of Order".

MINUTES APPROVAL

The November 2024 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded, to approve the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

ACC Policies and Procedures were discussed, motion made and seconded to approve the Procedures and Procedures. Document will be forwarded for legal review. The chair reiterated need for two volunteers to serve as Trial Board Members. The Chair also discussed the complexities of the Trial Board process.

OPEN DISCUSSION

No items for open discussion.

LEA OPEN DISCUSSION

Sheriff Hickman gave a brief overview of what the CALEA (The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement) is. The KCSO was accredited in 2003 and the first LEA on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The ACC extended their thanks and compliments to Local Law Enforcement for their thoroughness of their submitted case files, making their deliberations much easier.

GOOD OF ORDER DISCUSSION

The next meeting will be on January 15th, 2025.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

3:10PM Motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed by all members present to adjourn the meeting.

Approved

Respectfully submitted.

Valerie H. Jones

Administrative Specialist

Barry P. Byers, PAB Chair

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