



New Castle County Police Accountability Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 6:00pm
Location: Claymont Library, 400 Lenape Way, Claymont, DE 19703

Present Voting Members (In-Person or Virtual): Chairwoman Kim Eppehimer, Vice Chairman Kevin Evans, Dae'Shawn Nixon, Dr. Tanya Whittle, Christa Jimerson and Norwood Coleman.

Not Present Voting Members: Doug Hamilton Dr. Jenna DiEleuterio and Sean Green.

Non-Voting Members present: Art Lee, Board Attorney Lisa Minutola and members of the public.

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting of the New Castle County Police Accountability Board (PAB) was called to order at 6:21 p.m. by Chair Kim Eppehimer.
- b. It was noted that the meeting was not being recorded due to technical difficulties. The Board initially attempted to use a Zoom link that did not function properly and transitioned to Microsoft Teams. Apologies were extended to members of the public who may have experienced difficulty accessing the meeting.

2. Roll Call

- a. Roll call was conducted by staff liaison Art Lee.
- b. Art Lee reported six members present and three absent at the time of roll call, establishing a quorum.

3. Approval of Agenda

- a. No additions or changes were proposed. The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2026

- a. No editions or corrections were proposed. The January minutes were approved.

5. Chair's Remarks

- a. The Chair acknowledged that this would be the final meeting of the current appointed Board. She reflected on the challenges and progress made over the Board's tenure, including technical difficulties and staffing changes, and expressed appreciation to members for their dedication and collaboration throughout the process.

6. Old Business

a. Annual Report

- i. The Board reviewed the draft of the Annual Report. Discussion centered on recommendations relating to trauma informed practices and cultural training.
- ii. The Board discussed that there were two separate items referenced in the report: one stemming from a letter from the then County Executive, and a separate discussion regarding trauma-informed practices for Public Safety to consider. Members discussed difficulty locating the prior meeting minutes reflecting when any trauma informed training recommendation was formally approved and forwarded. It was also noted that no formal reply had been received, to the Board's knowledge, regarding that specific recommendation.
- iii. Given time constraints and the conclusion of the Board's term, the Board agreed that if supporting details from prior minutes could not be located promptly, the Annual Report would reflect that the incoming Board should review the matter further and determine next steps.
- iv. Clarification was made that the Annual Report is intended to reflect activities from calendar year 2025. A suggestion was made to limit the report period to January through December 2025, with any January and February 2026 matters reflected as supplemental information.
- v. It was noted that a review of the Criminal Justice Council website revealed no detailed narratives involving New Castle County Police officers for 2025. A notation to that effect will be included in the report to ensure compliance with reporting requirements. It was also discussed that statistics previously reviewed in a Research Committee

meeting may be included as an appendix, pending confirmation of the applicable data period.

- vi. Motion: to approve the Annual Report with the discussed edits and authorize final revisions for submission.
 - i. Moved by: Dae'Shawn Nixon
 - ii. Seconded by: Vice Chairman Kevin Evans
 - iii. Vote: In Favor – Unanimously (6 votes), Opposed – None.
 - iv. Motion carries.

b. Citizen Feedback Review Process

- i. It was confirmed that the Citizen Feedback Review Process has been approved and is official.

7. New Business

a. Board Reflections

- i. The Chair formally thanked Board staff, County staff, and Police Department representatives for their collaboration. Appreciation was also expressed for Board members Kevin Evans and Dr. Jenna DiEleuterio on their reappointments, noting the value of continuity for the incoming Board.

8. Reports from Staff and Legal

a. Staff Liaison – Art Lee

- i. Art Lee, staff liaison, reflected on the transition of the past year and thanked the Board for its patience and engagement. He highlighted a recent workshop as one of the most impactful events of the Board's tenure and encouraged consideration of future workshop style engagements that allow for open community dialogue.

b. Legal Counsel – Lisa Minutola

- i. Board Attorney Lisa Minutola thanked members for their commitment and recognized the Board's foundational role as one of the first Police Accountability Boards operating in Delaware.

9. Committee Reports

a. Research Subcommittee

- i. No report.

b. Community Outreach Subcommittee

- i. No report.

c. Education & Training Subcommittee

- i. It was noted that there has not been recent activity. A recommendation that the Education Committee does not continue will be reflected in the minutes.

10. Public Comment

- a. Rob Bullock of the 913 Community Alliance Coalition thanked the Board and Chair for their work and emphasized the importance of the Board's impact across communities and within the State.
- b. A community member inquired about how to stay informed about future meetings. It was explained that meeting dates, agendas, and access information are posted on the County website at least seven days in advance. It was also clarified that under the recently amended ordinance, the Board must meet a minimum of six times per year, though it may meet more frequently at its discretion.

11. Adjournment

- a. 7:06pm