

Administrative Charging Committee (Wednesday, April 30, 2025)

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Members present

Nickolas Cromwell
Michael Deitch
Joyce Dyson (via telephone)
Dr Linda Lymas
Peter Wild

John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney
Gillian Bacon, Legal Assistant

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Nickolas Cromwell, Chair, called the meeting of the Administrative Charging Committee to order at 5:30 pm in the Savich Conference Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

2. ROLL CALL

Action: A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

I move to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion by Joyce Dyson, second by Peter Wild.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

Minutes, Action: B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I move to approve the meeting minutes of the March 26, 2025, meeting of the Administrative Charging Committee.

Motion by Peter Wild, second by Dr Linda Lymas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

3. ENTRY INTO CLOSED SESSION

Action: A. ENTRY INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into closed session under Local Government Article, §9-512 (a)(1) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters regarding a public agency or employee, and under Local Government Article, §9-512 (a)(7), to ensure compliance with State law requiring that review of an investigatory file by an Administrative Charging Committee be kept confidential until final disposition.

Motion by Nickolas Cromwell, second by Michael Deitch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

4. 5:34 p.m. - CLOSED SESSION

Discussion, Information: A. ACC CASE FILE INTAKE

Present: Nickolas Cromwell, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson (via telephone), Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, John Sterling Houser, Gillian Bacon, Lt. Krum, Sgt. Ray, and Cpl. Sidorowicz

Representatives from the SMCSO Office of Professional Responsibilities—Lt. Krum, Sgt. Ray, and Cpl. Sidorowicz—briefly joined the ACC during its closed session to transfer new ACC case files and provide a brief of each case. Their presence was limited to this portion of the closed session.

Investigatory files transferred from OPR to the ACC: OPR2024-3637, OPR2024-3939, OPR2024-4426, and OPR2024-4425

Discussion: B. REVIEW OF DETERMINATION LETTERS

Present: Nickolas Cromwell, Michael Deitch, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, John Sterling Houser, and Gillian Bacon

Discussion: C. REVIEW OF INVESTIGATIVE FILES

Present: Nickolas Cromwell, Michael Deitch, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, John Sterling Houser, and Gillian Bacon

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) and § 9-512 (a)(7) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 5:34 p.m. - 8:27 p.m.

Location: Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss personnel matters regarding a public agency or employee, and to ensure compliance with State law requiring that review of an investigatory file by an Administrative Charging Committee be kept confidential until final disposition.

Investigatory files reviewed: OPR2024-3469, OPR2024-2844, and OPR2024-3365

5. 8:27 P.M. - ADJOURN FROM CLOSED SESSION**Action: A. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM CLOSED SESSION**

I move to adjourn from closed session and reconvene in open session.

Motion by Nickolas Cromwell, second by Dr Linda Lymas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch

Not Present at Vote: Joyce Dyson

6. MOTION TO APPROVE DRAFTED WRITTEN OPINION**Action: A. MOTION TO APPROVE DRAFTED WRITTEN OPINION OF INVESTIGATIVE FILE**

I move to adopt the written findings of investigative file OPR2024-3469 as voted upon and discussed in closed session.

Motion by Dr Linda Lymas, second by Peter Wild.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch

Not Present at Vote: Joyce Dyson

Action: B. MOTION TO APPROVE DRAFTED WRITTEN OPINION OF INVESTIGATIVE FILE

I move to direct staff to prepare a final determination letter in OPR2024-2844 consistent with the recommendations made in closed session, and authorize the Chair to do the same.

Motion by Dr Linda Lymas, second by Peter Wild.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch

Not Present at Vote: Joyce Dyson

7. ADJOURN

Action: A. MOTION TO ADJOURN

I move to adjourn the April 30, 2025, meeting of the Administrative Charging Committee.

Motion by Nickolas Cromwell, second by Michael Deitch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch

Not Present at Vote: Joyce Dyson

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.