

Administrative Charging Committee Minutes
Open Session
January 22, 2025

The Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) for Dorchester County convened into Open Session on January 22, 2025, at 4:33 p.m., in Room 110 of the County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613. Present in Room 110 were: Derek Griffin, Chair; Zia Ashraf, Vice Chair; Vaughn Evans, Also present in Room 110 were Patrick Thomas, Legal Counsel; and Irene Barnes, Executive Operations Specialist.

The ACC invited the newly appointed members, Cherry Moaney and Robert Rowe, to attend the ACC meeting, with the understanding that neither may participate until they have completed the required training.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 18, 2024

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Ashraf, the ACC unanimously approved the Open Session and Closed Session minutes of December 18, 2024.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Ashraf, seconded by Mr. Evans, the ACC unanimously adjourned into Closed Session at 4:34 p.m. pursuant to §3-305(b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; §3-305(b)(13) to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter; and §3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. The Written Statement for Closing a Meeting under the Open Meetings Act is attached hereto.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The ACC adjourned the Closed Session at 5:16 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 5:17 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY

The ACC convened into a Closed Session at 4:35 p.m. on January 22, 2025 to discuss the following items pursuant to Title 3 of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code §3-305(b)(1), (13) and (7):

1. Discussed complaints filed against specific law enforcement officers; and
2. Obtained legal advice from the ACC Counsel regarding the complaints.

ADJOURNMENT

The ACC adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

JANUARY 22, 2025, CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY

1. Statement of the time, place, and purpose of the closed session:

Time of closed session: 4:35 p.m. to 5:16 p.m.

Place of closed session: Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane,
Cambridge, Maryland

Purpose of closed session: Pursuant to §§ 3-305(b)(1), (7), and (13) of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.

2. Record of the vote of each member as to closing the session:

Members voting aye: Griffin, Ashraf, Evans

Members opposed: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

3. Statutory authority to close session and listing of each topic actually discussed, persons present, and each action taken in the session:

4.

Topic Description	Statutory Authority	Reason for Closed Session Discussion	Persons Present	Action Taken
To discuss complaints filed against specific law enforcement officers.	GP § 3-305(b)(1)	Discussion involves specific individuals	In person: Griffin, Evans, Ashraf, Moaney, Rowe, Thomas and Barnes	The ACC made a determination on one complaint and deferred the other.
To obtain legal advice from the ACC Counsel regarding the complaints.	GP § 3-305(b)(7)	Attorney-client privilege	In person: Griffin, Evans, Ashraf, Moaney, Rowe, Thomas and Barnes	S/A
To comply with a	GP § 3-	Md. Code Ann.,	In person:	S/A


specific statutory requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter	305(b)(13)	Public Safety § 3-104(h) requires that the ACC maintain confidentiality regarding matters considered until final disposition.	Griffin, Evans, Ashraf, Moaney, Rowe, Thomas and Barnes	
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ATTEST:


Irene Barnes
Executive Operations Specialist

ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING
COMMMHTEE


Derek Griffin, Chair


Zia Ashraf, Vice Chair


Vaughn Evans

Approved the 28 day of Feb. 2025.