

Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Accountability Board Members:

Ryan Alezz	Absent
Samuel Johnson	Present
Edward Kangethe	Present
Sonja Merchant-Jones	Present
Doris Minor-Terrell	Present
Ovais Khalil	Absent
Elizabeth Hazel	Present
Sam Crankshaw	Present
Katie O'Connor	Absent
Douglas (Duke) Tremitiere	Present
Thomas Judge	Absent
Madhu Subramanian	Present
Kimyatta Ricks	Present
Kamaria Hill	Absent

Johns Hopkins Staff present:

1. Dr. Branville Bard
2. LaTicia Douglas
3. Jarron Jackson
4. Jennifer Mielke
5. Kelly Allen (Livestream Technician)

Opening

Ed Kangethe, JH Accountability Board (JHAB) member, began the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with introductions by the Board members and JH staff. The meeting was broadcast live via toll-free call-in and on the [Accountability Board meetings live-stream webpage](#).

Board Business - Committees

After introductions, Kangethe invited Board members to sign up for committee(s) they are interested in joining. Kangethe asked online attendees to email their selections to accountabilityboard@jhue.edu and in-person members to share their selections after the meeting.

Board Business - Bylaws

Kangethe shared the current draft of the Board's Bylaws, which have been reviewed by Johns Hopkins' Office of General Counsel. Kangethe reviewed the suggested changes, including the previous Board's request to extend student member term limits from 1 year to 2 years. LaTicia Douglas, Special Assistant, noted the decision for 1-year terms for students was to allow students in 2-year programs to participate. Doris Minor-Terrell asked if students could be recommended for a second-year extension, and Douglas confirmed that they could be. Other changes to the Bylaws were in the sections specific to the Board secretary, member attendance and recusal, and Board discipline and removal. Kangethe asked for a motion to approve the Bylaws. **Minor-Terrell moved to approve the Bylaws as presented; Sonja Merchant-Jones seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by the Board.**

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Board Business – Leadership

Kangethe asked for nominations for the two leadership positions on the Board – Chair and Vice Chair. Merchant-Jones nominated Kangethe as Chair; the nomination was echoed by Minor-Terrell. Board members voted individually and were unanimous in favor of the nomination. Kangethe expressed his thanks and appreciation to his fellow Board members for electing him to this role. No Board members were nominated or self-nominated for the Vice Chair position. The Board will revisit this at a future meeting.

Board Business – Questions from Members

Sam Crankshaw asked for clarity around the role of the Board’s Vice Chair. Kangethe expressed that the Vice Chair will work closely with the Chair to lead meetings. Kangethe also noted that he would like the Vice Chair to lead the Agenda Setting Committee.

Duke Tremitiere asked how often the committees meet. Kangethe answered that the committees of the previous Board met regularly but did not have a set meeting schedule. Tremitiere asked how to sign up for a committee, and Kangethe noted the best method is via email: accountabilityboard@jhue.edu.

Elizabeth Hazel asked what committee the review of the data and metrics from the police would fall under. Kangethe opened that question for discussion by the Board as a whole and noted that it is hard to make a decision until the Board has data review.

Administrative Updates

Douglas updated the Board on the hiring process for an administrative support person. The interview stage is ongoing, and updates will be provided to the Board as the process continues.

Upcoming Meeting Updates

The next Board meeting is Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

Closing

Kangethe closed the meeting at 6:28 p.m.