

Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Accountability Board Members:

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

Johns Hopkins Staff Present:

1. Dr. Branville Bard
2. LaTicia Douglas
3. Amy Taylor
4. Ron Jackson
5. Jim Gillis
6. Dan Beck
7. Kelly Allen (Livestream Technician)

Opening

Ed Kangethe, JH Accountability Board (JHAB) Chair, began the meeting at 6:20 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 – August Minutes

Kangethe moved to approve the August 2023 JHAB meeting minutes. The Board unanimously approved.

Updates from Dr. Bard

Dr. Bard shared that the first batch of draft policies will be released on Thursday, September 21, 2023. The Board will receive an email confirming they will get just under 50 policies and will still have a 60-day review period. We are still on schedule to release the second batch late October. The 60-day review period will apply to this batch as well. This entire process took longer than anticipated, but the goal is to do it right, not fast.

The Board will receive an email in regard to the draft policies, which will be posted publicly at the same time the Board is scheduled to receive them. We look forward to this part of the process.

Dr. Bard stated that if policy feedback is practical, follows the law, and makes sense, it will be considered. This is a valuable opportunity to receive public input.

Kangethe thanked Dr. Bard and stated that the Board is looking forward to the policy release.

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Kangethe announced that live streaming of the meeting would pause in order for the Board to receive legal advice from the general council and resume immediately after.

Board Business – Closed Session for Legal Advice

Kelly (Livestream Technician) announced the closed session and reopening of the meeting.

Board Business – Board Committee Meetings

Kangethe stated Board meetings will need to be structured differently. Currently, the Board meets monthly for ninety minutes. Kangethe suggested holding Board meetings every other month for general business and during the off months, committees meet together in the previously scheduled time slots. The combined committee meetings could be extended to two hours so each committee has a certain amount of time to meet. The policy committee would possibly need an hour but if two other committees were to meet, they would only need a half hour. At this time, this may be the easiest way to make this fit everyone's schedule. Kangethe welcomed others input or feedback as this is a Boards discussion.

Hazel, Subramanian, and Ricks agreed with Kangethe's suggestion to change the meetings.

Kangethe thanked Board members for voicing their opinion on this matter **and moved to amend the Board schedule and have a general meeting every other month as presented; this first motion was moved by Johnson and this was seconded by Subramanian and passed unanimously by the Board.**

Q: Katie O'Connor: If we are on multiple committees, would we have to choose which one committee in order to meet or their meeting at different times?

A: Kangethe: that's assuming all committee's you're on are meeting that day.

Kangethe reiterated the motion properly moved to second, asking those in the room or online to verbally vote by saying "I" and all those opposed "nay", the motion has been properly introduced and adopted. The second part of the motion would be to have the meetings for the off months strictly for committee meetings. Kangethe reiterated again, if your committee is not meeting you will not be required to log on; you only log on for your particular committee meeting. This is repeated to make sure everyone has a clear understanding. **A motion was detained to have the off meetings dedicated to sub-committee meetings, first motion was moved by Johnson and this was seconded by Alezz and passed unanimously by the Board.**

Board Business – October Meetings

Kangethe announced in the month of October there will be two meetings. The subcommittee meeting will take place October 18, 2023 and the annual public meeting will take place on October 26, 2023. The annual public meeting will be "all virtual" this year.

Q: Kangethe: LaTicia or Dr. Bard do you know when the link will be live on the JHPD website for the public meeting?

A: LaTicia: The annual public meeting and date are already posted on the JHPS website.

Kangethe asked the Board if they had any questions about the two October meetings. October 18 will be subcommittee meeting and depending on how many committees are meeting it may be extended for two hours. Board members will be notified of this well in advance. Again, the annual public board meeting will be held on October 26, emphasizing all virtual this year.

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Board Business – Questions/Comments

Kangethe expressed his appreciation for everyone’s patience with how the meeting was structured. At the conclusion of the meeting there were no questions or comments from the Board online or in the room. **A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Alezz and the second by Johnson and passed unanimously by the Board.**

Upcoming Meeting Updates

The next Board meeting is Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

Closing

Kangethe closed the meeting at 6:47 p.m.