

Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Accountability Board Members:

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

Johns Hopkins Staff Present:

1. Dr. Branville Bard
2. Phil Kasten
3. Amy Taylor
4. Kelly Allen (Livestream Technician)

Opening

Sonja Merchant-Jones, JH Accountability Board (JHAB) Chair of the Community Engagement committee, began the meeting at 6:05 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 – January Minutes

Sonja Merchant-Jones determined that the meeting minutes from January 17, 2024, would not receive Board approval due to not meeting quorum. However, we plan to vote on their approval during May’s meeting.

Committee Reports – Policy Review Committee

Sonja Merchant-Jones, a committee member requested that Duke Tremitiere, chair of the Policy Review Committee, provide an updated report on policy review to the Board. Tremitiere informed attendees that comments from the second batch of JHU draft policies comments had been collected and forwarded to Public Safety Division for their review. Tremitiere expressed gratitude to the committee members, particularly the vice chair of the Policy Review Committee, who stepped in and contributed significantly. The committee is currently in communication with the Public Safety Division to determine any additional contributions needed for the finalization of these policies.

Tremitiere turned the meeting back over to Sonja Merchant-Jones.

Old Business – Community Engagement Schedule

Sonja Merchant-Jones shared that the vote to finalize the community engagement draft, was voted on the twenty-first of February. The conversation to approve the draft plan will continue, along with two suggestions. First, we would like to have a committee member attend public meetings, take notes, and report back to the larger Accountability Board. Secondly, adjustments were suggested for a joint event with the Johns Hopkins Police

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Department. Miss Taylor, our administrative support, will circulate the full plan for review. Additionally, we (the JHAB) plan to request placement on the Johns Hopkins website for public visibility. Looking ahead, our next meeting can focus on concrete steps to implement the plan, including organizing the annual feedback meeting. Sonja Merchant-Jones, had a conversation with consultants from 21CP, who have agreed to assist in implementing these plans on our behalf. The next engagement community committee meeting will be held Wednesday, April 17, 2024. **Sonja Merchant-Jones opened the floor for questions.**

New Business – Meeting with President Daniels of Johns Hopkins University

Sonja Merchant-Jones informed us that there was a discussion regarding a full Board meeting with the President of Johns Hopkins University. Chair Kangethe plans to send a formal meeting request. Once the date is confirmed, the agenda will be discussed during the committee meeting. **Sonja Merchant-Jones opened the floor for questions on meeting with President Daniels.**

Q: Dr. Bard: Will the Board submit that request directly to the President's office, or will it go through the Public Safety office?

A: Sonja Merchant-Jones: Chair Kangethe will make that decision, although he didn't elaborate on the specifics of how he plans to make the request. However, he did mention during our meeting that he would be in touch with your office soon.

New Business – Public Comment Meeting

Sonja Merchant-Jones mentioned that there have been discussions about organizing the public comment meeting. As a Board, they aim to promote it extensively to ensure people are aware of it. The agenda will be designed to encourage greater community involvement.

Administration Updates – Policy Overview Update

Phil Kasten expressed deep gratitude for the feedback received from the Chair and the policy work group. As shared in the last meeting, we discovered that even with the second group, the feedback has been thoughtful, helpful and actionable. Currently, we are in the process of finalizing and incorporating all the feedback we've received, both from the Accountability Board and the public. Over the next few weeks, we will collaborate with a publishing company to make final edits and grammatical updates, ensuring that the policies align with the university's style guides. We anticipate their publication.

C: Dr. Bard: I wanted to say thank you to the board, for all the hard work you did in reviewing the policies and all we got more than 500 actually unique comments. Related to policy, most of which will be incorporated into the final drafts. And so just wanted to thank the Board for the hard work that you put into it.

At the conclusion of the meeting there were no additional questions or comments from the Board online or in the room. **A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved and passed unanimously by the Board.**

Upcoming Meeting Updates

The next General Board meeting is Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

Closing

Sonja Merchant-Jones closed the meeting at 6:25 p.m.