

Newport Police Department & Elsmere Bureau of Police
Regular Meeting of the Police Accountability Committee (PAC)
May 1, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Wohner called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and announced it was in compliance with the Delaware Open Meeting Act.

Attendance - Chief Mark Wohner, Chief Giles, Pastor Gregory Vickers, Alford Williams, Deacon David DeGhetto, and Dr. Kristin Mack-Brown

Approval of Minutes – The minutes for the March 13, 2025, Special meeting were approved. Pastor Vickers made the motion, and Alford Williams seconded it. All members present voted to accept the minutes, with Deacon David DeGhetto abstaining.

Committee Discussions –

- A. Chief Wohner asks the committee if they want to allow public comment, and if they do, what form they would like it to take. The committee expressed that if a person from the public is present, they should have an opportunity to speak. The discussion then turned to how many minutes could be allocated and whether minutes could be yielded to another person. Dr. Mack-Brown asked if yielded minutes could be capped. Chief Wohner advised that it can look like whatever they want it to look like. Deacon DeGhetto stated that he thinks public comment should be limited to three minutes. Pastor Vickers said he would like it to be three minutes, but no more than five minutes, with no yielding of minutes. Dr. Mack-Brown made a motion to allow three minutes for public comments, with an additional two minutes permitted if approved by a committee member, and no minutes would be yielded. Deacon DeGhetto seconded the motion, and it passed with all members voting in favor.
- B. The committee talked about establishing the months, dates, and locations for regular meetings. Pastor Vickers made a motion to hold regular quarterly meetings on the first Thursday of each month, starting at 6 p.m., with January and September meetings in Elsmere and May and November

meetings in Newport. Alford Williams seconded this, and the motion passed with all members voting yes.

- C. Pastor Vickers commented about how impressed he was yesterday at the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission meeting. During that meeting, they discussed and voted on Newport's reaccreditation.
- D. Pastor Vickers also asked how publicized our meetings are. Chief Wohner advised that they are posted on Newport's town website and at three locations around the town. Chief Wohner advised the committee that they could publicize the meeting as much as they wanted, as it is their meeting.

Training – Chief Wohner started the instructional phase of the meeting at 6:30 pm and continued until 6:58 pm. Training was on Newport and Elsmere's Body Worn Camera Policy and the function of the body-worn camera system.

Deacon McGhetto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Dr. Mack-Brown seconding. All members voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.