



**REHOBOTH BEACH & CITY OF LEWES POLICE
ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 10:00 AM
Council Chambers, Lewes City Hall
114 E. Third Street Lewes, DE 19958
AGENDA**



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- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- B. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. [Rehoboth Beach & City of Lewes Police Accountability Committee - 24 Jun 2025 Minutes](#)

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E. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Presentation by Sean Moriarty, Executive Director of the State of Delaware Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST), on the duties and responsibilities of Rehoboth Beach & Lewes Police PAC members
 - 2. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) training - Presented by Lewes City Solicitor Alex Burns.
 - 3. Discussion and possible action regarding process for new PAC member applications.

F. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 1. Open discussion from Rehoboth Beach & Lewes Police Departments related to issues in their jurisdictions

G. PUBLIC COMMENT:

H. ADJOURNMENT:

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**City of Rehoboth Beach & City of Lewes
Police Accountability Committee
Regular Meeting
June 24, 2025**



The Police Accountability Committee (PAC) of the City of Rehoboth Beach & City of Lewes was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Acting Chair Lt. Mark Sweet of Rehoboth Beach on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 in the Commissioners Room on the second floor of City Hall, 229 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND POLICE REPRESENTATIVES

Lt. Mark Sweet, Acting Chair of Committee
Kimberly Leisey, Executive Director of Camp Rehoboth
Dan Zachem of Lewes
Mary Good of Rehoboth Beach
Dan DeSimone of Lewes
Andrew Glassman (via Zoom at 10:15 a.m.)
Eddie Jusino of Rehoboth Beach (absent)

Rehoboth Beach Police Chief Keith Banks
Lewes Police Chief Thomas Spell
Lewes Deputy Police Chief James Locklear

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Opening Remarks

Rehoboth Beach Police Chief Keith Banks thanked the members for serving on the Police Accountability Committee. This Committee represents one of the most meaningful steps by fostering open dialogue, promoting mutual understanding and ensuring that all voices are heard and respected. This is an opportunity to enhance the public trust and confidence in law enforcement in Rehoboth Beach and Lewes. He has been incredibly proud of the progress made in Delaware as a whole. In many ways, the State has taken a leading role in embracing technology, innovation, transparency and accountability in policing.

Lewes Police Chief Thomas Spell thanked the members of the Committee for volunteering their time because it is an important committee to serve on. It is important to the work both police departments do for their communities to have involvement and input. The Committee is expected to be a good resource for each police department and the communities they serve. It is hoped that while working with the Committee, there will be an increase and greater transparency, information sharing, education for each community and increasing community engagement. Policing in Rehoboth Beach and Lewes is much different than what is often heard in the news and newspapers. Both police chiefs have cultures and organizations that are community-minded, engaged and provide professional and constitutional policing. In moving forward with the joint PAC, both police chiefs and their organizations are fully committed to being actively engaged with the Committee and provide information into the workings of the Rehoboth Beach and Lewes Police Departments.

Rehoboth Beach City Manager Taylour Tedder thanked the members for their service to this Committee. The Rehoboth Beach Police Department receives a lot of compliments, perhaps more than any other City department, but if it is not continuously improved, it will fall behind. He was looking to this Committee to help to improve community policing and to improve accountability and transparency.

Lewes City Manager Ellen Lorraine McCabe thanked the members for stepping forward to serve on this Committee. The members' willingness to volunteer their time and energy is not only appreciated, but it is vital. The joint effort between the City of Lewes and the City of Rehoboth Beach represents a meaningful opportunity to listen, to learn and to work together towards stronger, more transparent and more trusted relationships between the

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respective police departments and the communities they serve. The Committee's role to provide thoughtful, constructive recommendations to both police and policy makers will help shape safer, more responsive and more equitable policing in their areas.

DISTRIBUTION OF LAW

Review of Committee Member's responsibilities including training requirements.

A memorandum from the Delaware Police Officer Standards & Training Commission was distributed to the members prior to the meeting regarding House Bill No. 206 and the creation of PACs through the post. The purpose of introducing this law is to understand and provide advice to departments on policy, training and other issues relating to or affecting the police departments and the communities served by the departments.

Post Director Sean Moriarty was unable to attend today's meeting due to a scheduling conflict. At the next meeting in the City of Lewes, he will be in attendance and will speak about the training requirements and the law.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action to elect a Committee Chair.

Mary Good made a motion, seconded by Kimberly Leisey, to nominate Dan Zachem of Lewes as Chair of PAC. (Leisey - aye, Zachem - aye, Good - aye, DeSimone - aye, Glassman - aye, Jusimo - absent.)
 Motion carried.

Kimberly Leisey made a motion, seconded by Dan DeSimone, to nominate Mary Good of Rehoboth Beach as Vice Chair of PAC. (Leisey - aye, Zachem - aye, Good - aye, DeSimone - aye, Glassman - aye, Jusimo - absent.)
 Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action to adopt the Police Accountability Committee (PAC) Bylaws.

The proposed Bylaws were distributed to the members prior to the meeting.

With regards to training and development, the Bylaws require that a new member has 20 hours of training within the first year of joining PAC, which may include things such as ride-alongs, the citizen police academy, demonstrations or other worthwhile courses and instruction. Director Moriarty will speak to this matter at the next meeting.

Kimberly Leisey made a motion, seconded by Dan Zachem, to adopt the PAC Bylaws. (Leisey - aye, Zachem - aye, Good - aye, DeSimone - aye, Glassman - aye, Jusimo - absent.)
 Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Information from the public relating to areas of concern for PAC in addition to the Committee's own anecdotal information were suggested as future agenda items. A survey was recently done by the Rehoboth Beach City Manager, but it is not known to what extent data would be available for PAC to look at in terms of how to form its agenda. It would be useful to understand from the public's standpoint what areas concern them the most in addition to PAC's anecdotal information.

There will be a joint website so all the information is consistent. The PAC Committee will need to look at policies. At the next meeting, there may be training on FOIA.

Both police chiefs will forward to PAC existing policies to be discussed at the next meeting.

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An overview of both police departments, such as how many officers there are, trends in terms of crime statistics, complaints, jurisdictions, interaction with State Police and other agencies, etc. will also be provided to the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1, Peter Schott, co-facilitator of the first responders action group for Speak Out Against Hate, was in support of this Committee.

PAC Meetings will be held quarterly and will be announced on both municipality's webpages.

There being no further business, Acting Chair Lt. Mark Sweet adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

RECORDED BY:

(Ann M Womack, City Secretary of
City of Rehoboth Beach)