Handgun Roster Board Handgun Roster Board Minutes

May 6, 2025

The meeting was held at the Forensic Sciences Division Classroom and convened at 11:00 A.M. Those in attendance were:

Andy Johnson (Major MSP)	Ron Levitan (OLC)
James Hock (Deputy Chief of Staff MSP)	Everett Bryant (OLC)
Jason Kispert (Sgt. MSP)	Alexander Kohn
Daniel Popp	Jonathan Maurath
Carl Roy	Robert Bajefsky
P. Michael Errico	Kim Dennis
Rachel Rosenberg	Cassandra Crifasi
Andrew Saller	Mark Urbanik
Clinton Wolcott	Deidra Delisser
Karen Herren	Chelsea Hesekiel
Miguel Lopez	Matthew Sauers
Ahmed Alsalihi	Michael Burke
Arkady Pogostkin	

Minutes

The minutes from the March 5, 2025 meeting were approved unanimously.

Announcements

Any firearm approved at this meeting will be published in the Maryland Register on May 30, 2025 and, barring no objections, will be included on the Maryland State Police website on June 29, 2025 as a handgun, model and caliber legal for sale in the State of Maryland.

Additional Discussions

The Handgun Roster Board held hearings for seven petitions denied at the March 5th HRB Meeting due to the majority of the full board did not vote to approve the firearm. The objection grounds for the opposing votes are the following: concealability and reliability as to safety.

Agenda

Hearings from May 6, 2025

Docket No.	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Caliber</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Received</u>
	BRUGGER & THOMET (BRUGGER &			
25053	THOMET USA)	APC45K Pro Pistol	45 ACP	01/14/2025

Administrator provided the Board and petitioner a packet containing Exhibits A-G: Request for hearing form with objection reasons; COMAR 29.03.03.10 – Nine criteria for determining a handgun; abridged version of March 5, 2025 and December 11, 2019 minutes; first page of March 11, 2020 minutes; and Petition # 25053 and 19453. The petitioner provided a letter from Brugger and Thomet to the Board.

The Board considered the petitioner's arguments and voted 5 to 4 in favor of overturning the original denial. The motion failed to pass as majority of the full board did not vote to overturn the original denial. The objection grounds for the opposing votes are the following: concealability; reliability as to safety; and utility for legitimate sporting activities and self-protection. Board Member Errico, Board Member Maurath, Board Member Popp, Board Member Roy, and Major Johnson were the votes in favor and Board Member Bajefsky, Board Member Crifasi, Board Member Dennis, and Board Member Kohn were the dissenting votes.

	HARRINGTON &			
25087	RICHARDSON	DOE Pistol	9 mm	01/28/2025

Administrator provided the Board and petitioner a packet containing Exhibits A-G: Request for hearing form with objection reasons; COMAR 29.03.03.10 – Nine criteria for determining a handgun; abridged version of March 5, 2025 and December 8, 2021 minutes; first page of March 9, 2022 minutes; and Petition # 25087 and 21378.

The Board considered the petitioner's arguments and voted 5 to 4 in favor of overturning the original denial. The motion failed to pass as majority of the full board did not vote to overturn the original denial. The objection grounds for the opposing votes are the following: concealability; reliability as to safety; and utility for legitimate sporting activities and self-protection. Board Member Errico, Board Member Maurath, Board Member Popp, Board Member Roy, and Major Johnson were the votes in favor and Board Member Bajefsky, Board Member Crifasi, Board Member Dennis, and Board Member Kohn were the dissenting votes. Board Member Bajefsky identifies this firearm as a short-barreled rifle and an assault weapon.

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25111	BRUGGER & THOMET (BRUGGER & THOMET USA)	SPC9 SD Tele Pistol	9 mm	02/07/2025

Administrator provided the Board and petitioner a packet containing Exhibits A-G: Request for hearing form with objection reasons; COMAR 29.03.03.10 – Nine criteria for determining a handgun; abridged version of March 5, 2025 and September 7, 2022 minutes; first page of December 7, 2022 minutes; and Petition # 25111 and 22184. The petitioner provided a letter from Brugger and Thomet to the Board.

The Board considered the petitioner's arguments and voted 5 to 4 in favor of overturning the original denial. The motion failed to pass as majority of the full board did not vote to overturn the original denial. The objection grounds for the opposing votes are the following: concealability; reliability as to safety; and utility for legitimate sporting activities and self-protection. Board Member Errico, Board Member Maurath, Board Member Popp, Board Member Roy, and Major Johnson were the votes in favor and Board Member Bajefsky, Board Member Crifasi, Board Member Dennis, and Board Member Kohn were the dissenting votes.

	BRUGGER &			
	THOMET			
	(BRUGGER &			
25112	THOMET USA)	SPC9 SD G Pistol	9 mm	02/07/2025

Administrator provided the Board and petitioner a packet containing Exhibits A-G: Request for hearing form with objection reasons; COMAR 29.03.03.10 – Nine criteria for determining a handgun; abridged version of March 5, 2025 and September 7, 2022 minutes; first page of December 7, 2022 minutes; and Petition # 25112 and 22184. The petitioner provided a letter from Brugger and Thomet to the Board.

The Board considered the petitioner's arguments and voted 5 to 4 in favor of overturning the original denial. The motion failed to pass as majority of the full board did not vote to overturn the original denial. The objection grounds for the opposing votes are the following: concealability; reliability as to safety; and utility for legitimate sporting activities and self-protection. Board Member Errico, Board Member Maurath, Board Member Popp, Board Member Roy, and Major Johnson were the votes in favor and Board Member Bajefsky, Board Member Crifasi, Board Member Dennis, and Board Member Kohn were the dissenting votes.

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25071	HARRINGTON & RICHARDSON	635 Pistol	9 mm	01/22/2025

Administrator provided the Board and petitioner a packet containing Exhibits A-G: Request for hearing form with objection reasons; COMAR 29.03.03.10 – Nine criteria for determining a handgun; abridged version of March 5, 2025 and December 8, 2021 minutes; first page of March 9, 2022 minutes; and Petition # 25071 and 21378.

The Board considered the petitioner's arguments and voted 5 to 4 in favor of overturning the original denial. The motion failed to pass as majority of the full board did not vote to overturn the original denial. The objection grounds for the opposing votes are the following: concealability; reliability as to safety; and utility for legitimate sporting activities and self-protection. Board Member Errico, Board Member Maurath, Board Member Popp, Board Member Roy, and Major Johnson were the votes in favor and Board Member Bajefsky, Board Member Crifasi, Board Member Dennis, and Board Member Kohn were the dissenting votes. Board Member Bajefsky identifies this firearm as an assault weapon.

	MKE (CENTURY			
25109	ARMS)	AP53 Pistol	5.56x45mm NATO	02/03/2025

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The Board considered the petitioner's arguments and voted 5 to 4 in favor of overturning the original denial. The motion failed to pass as majority of the full board did not vote to overturn the original denial. The objection grounds for the opposing votes are the following: concealability; reliability as to safety; and utility for legitimate sporting activities and self-protection. Board Member Errico, Board Member Maurath, Board Member Popp, Board Member Roy, and Major Johnson were the votes in favor and Board Member Bajefsky, Board Member Crifasi, Board Member Dennis, and Board Member Kohn were the dissenting votes.

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25123	SONS OF LIBERTY GUN WORKS	M4 PISTOL	5.56 NATO	02/11/2025

Administrator provided the Board and petitioner a packet containing Exhibits A-G: Request for hearing form with objection reasons; COMAR 29.03.03.10 – Nine criteria for determining a handgun; abridged version of March 5, 2025 and June 9, 2021 minutes; first page of September 8, 2021 minutes; and Petition # 25123 and 21190.

The petitioner failed to appear. The petition stands as is for evidence. The Board voted 5 to 4 in favor of overturning the original denial. The motion failed to pass as majority of the full board did not vote to overturn the original denial. The objection grounds for the opposing votes are the following: concealability; reliability as to safety; and utility for legitimate sporting activities and self-protection. Board Member Errico, Board Member Maurath, Board Member Popp, Board Member Roy, and Major Johnson were the votes in favor and Board Member Bajefsky, Board Member Crifasi, Board Member Dennis, and Board Member Kohn were the dissenting votes. Board Member Bajefsky identifies this firearm as an assault weapon.

Additional Items

With there being no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 12:53 PM.