



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 12, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Mark Numainville, City Clerk
 Subject: Police Accountability Board – Appointment of New Member

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution appointing a new member to the Police Accountability Board nominated by Councilmember Humbert.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

All commissioners are eligible to receive a stipend of \$100 per meeting.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In June of 2021 the Mayor and Members of the City Council nominated and appointed the initial nine members of the PAB and also appointed one alternate commissioner.

There are currently four seats on the PAB that are vacant. The alternate seat is also vacant. In May 2023, Councilmember Humbert did make a new appointment to the PAB, however, that board member decided not to continue his service. Councilmember Humbert has made a new nomination to the PAB.

Commissioner	Nominated By
<i>vacant</i>	Mayor Arreguin
<i>vacant</i>	Councilmember Kesarwani
Regina Harris	Councilmember Taplin
John Moore	Councilmember Bartlett
Kitty Calavita	Councilmember Harrison
Leah Wilson	Councilmember Hahn
Juliet Leftwich	Councilmember Wengraf
<i>vacant</i>	Councilmember Robinson
<i>vacant</i>	Councilmember Humbert
<i>vacant</i>	Alternate

Councilmember Humbert has nominated Brent Blackaby to serve on the Police Accountability Board. Mr. Blackaby meets the eligibility criteria in the City Charter and may be appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

The City Charter provides for the appointment of members to the Police Accountability Board. Article XVIII, Section 125, Part 6 states, “The Mayor and each City Councilmember shall nominate one candidate from an applicant pool at a meeting of the City Council and that each individual nominee must be approved by a majority vote of the City Council.”

Members of the Police Accountability Board must:

- Be a resident of the City;
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Not be an employee, officer, or contractor with the City, a current sworn police officer from any agency, or a current employee, official, or representative of an employee association representing sworn police officers; and
- Be fair minded and objective with a demonstrated commitment to community service.

The City Charter indicates that desirable qualities of a Board member are familiarity with human resources, law, police procedures, police oversight, or involvement in civil rights or community organizations and that the City Council shall endeavor to establish a Board that is broadly inclusive and reflective of race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic status, neighborhoods, and various communities of interest in the City.

BACKGROUND

Measure II was adopted on November 3, 2020 by the voters of Berkeley to establish an Office of the Director of Police Accountability and create a new Police Accountability Board (hereafter “Board”), both of which are independent of the City Manager. The members of the Board are approved by vote of the full Council.

All applicants are reviewed and their eligibility is verified by city staff against the requirements of the Charter.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable effects on sustainability or the environment associated with the recommendation in this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The appointment is provided for by the City Charter and pursuant to the nomination submitted by Councilmember Humbert.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSON

Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

APPOINTMENT OF BRENT BLACKABY TO THE POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

WHEREAS, Measure II was adopted on November 3, 2020 by the voters of Berkeley to create a new Police Accountability Board; and

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 125, Part 6 provides for the Council's appointment of board members; and

WHEREAS, the Councilmember Humbert has submitted a nominee for appointment by the full council; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the following applicant is are hereby appointed to the Police Accountability Board:

Nominee	Nominated By
Brent Blackaby	Councilmember Humbert