

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 11

Resolution No. 14-25

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, May 19, 2025

1 RESOLUTION approving appointment of members to the Police Accountability Board

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3 WHEREAS, § 3-16-103 of the County Code establishes the membership of the
4 County's Police Accountability Board;

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6 WHEREAS, that membership includes eight voting members who have resided in
7 the County for at least three years prior to appointment, who are appointed by the
8 County Executive, and whose appointment is approved by the County Council; and

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10 WHEREAS, each councilmember is given a reasonable opportunity to recommend
11 a resident of their district to be appointed to the Board; and

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13 WHEREAS, § 3-16-103(a) describes criteria for membership on the Police
14 Accountability Board, including that, to the extent practicable, membership shall:
15 reflect the racial, gender, gender-identity, sexual orientation, and cultural diversity
16 of the County; include representation from the populations, identities, geographic
17 areas, and communities that historically experienced or currently experience a
18 higher frequency of interactions with law enforcement; and include a diversity of
19 experience and expertise, including certain specified relevant areas; and

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21 WHEREAS, § 3-16-103(b) sets forth an appointment process that includes
22 publication of an advertisement for the opportunity to apply for membership for at
23 least 30 days prior to an appointment by the County Executive; and

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25 WHEREAS, the terms of three members (Jeanette Ortiz, District 5; Daniel Watkins,
26 District 6; and Shawn Ashworth, District 3) expire on June 30, 2025; and

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28 WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Board that has remained unfilled; and

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30 WHEREAS, the advertisement for the opportunity to fill the vacant position was
31 published for at least 30 days prior to appointment by the County Executive, and
32 the Councilmembers have been given an opportunity to recommend members for
33 appointment; and

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35 WHEREAS, the County Executive has reappointed Jeanette Ortiz (a County
36 resident of District 5), Daniel Watkins (a County resident of District 6), and Shawn
37 Ashworth (a County resident of District 3), who meet the eligibility requirements

1 set forth in § 3-16-103(a), as voting members of the Police Accountability Board
2 for the three-year terms beginning on July 1, 2025, expiring on June 30, 2028; and
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4 WHEREAS, the County Executive has appointed Brian Conrad (a County resident
5 of District 3), who meets the eligibility requirements set forth in § 3-16-103(a), to
6 fill the vacant position as a voting member of the Police Accountability Board for
7 a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2025, expiring on June 30, 2028; and
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9 WHEREAS, pursuant to § 3-16-104, the County Executive has designated Jeanette
10 Ortiz as Chair of the Police Accountability Board subject to the approval of the
11 County Council; and
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13 WHEREAS, the County Council, after a public hearing, finds that Jeanette Ortiz,
14 Daniel Watkins, Shawn Ashworth, and Brian Conrad meet the eligibility
15 requirements of § 3-16-103, and are qualified to serve on the Police Accountability
16 Board; now, therefore, be it
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18 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it approves
19 the reappointment of Jeanette Ortiz, Daniel Watkins, and Shawn Ashworth, and the
20 appointment of Brian Conrad to terms beginning on July 1, 2025, and expiring on
21 June 30, 2028; and be it further
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23 *Resolved,* That it approves the designation of Jeanette Ortiz as Chair of the Police
24 Accountability Board; and be it further
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26 *Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman.