

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2022-24**

**RESOLUTION NO. 70-2022**

**Title of Resolution:** Appointment—Police Accountability Board – Stephen A. Miller, Jamila H. Mettee, John W. Thompson, Michael W. Dawson, Robert F. McKnight, John R. Stricklett, and Rodney W. Heinze

**Synopsis:** A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Stephen A. Miller, Jamila H. Mettee, John W. Thompson, Michael W. Dawson, Robert F. McKnight, John R. Stricklett, and Rodney W. Heinze to the Police Accountability Board and the Police Accountability Board’s Administrative Charging Committee and to establish a quarterly stipend amount for the confirmed members.

**Introduced by:** Council President on behalf of the County Executive

**Introduced and order posted on:** December 20, 2022

**Consideration scheduled on:** January 3, 2023

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

Notice of time and title of Resolution having been posted by \_\_\_\_\_ at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on \_\_\_\_\_.

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.  
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.  
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.  
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

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1           **WHEREAS**, according to the Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021, each county is to have  
2 a Police Accountability Board (PAB) and an Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) to receive,  
3 report, review, investigate and adjudicate complaints of police misconduct filed by members of the  
4 public, pursuant to Section 3-102(a)(3), of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

5           **WHEREAS**, according to the Cecil County Bill No. 2022-08, Section 82.2 and 82.3, appointed  
6 members of the Cecil County PAB and Cecil County ACC must meet certain qualifications; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Executive shall appoint a PAB chair and four additional PAB  
8 members, and shall appoint two civilian members to the ACC; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the PAB appointed members, to the extent practicable, shall reflect the racial,  
10 gender and cultural diversity of the County; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the PAB and ACC appointed members cannot be an active police officer or retired as  
12 a police officer for less than two years or be a family member of an active police officer or recently  
13 retired (less than two years) police officer, nor can they be an employee of Cecil Government nor an  
14 employee of Cecil County municipality that has a police department; and

15           **WHEREAS**, the PAB and ACC appointed members must be at least 21 years old and not  
16 convicted of state or federal crime punishable by imprisonment exceeding 1 year (unless pardoned);  
17 and

18           **WHEREAS**, the PAB and ACC appointed members shall comprehend spoken English,  
19 comprehend written English, read English and write English proficiently and pass background checks,  
20 including a criminal background check; and

21           **WHEREAS**, two of the five appointed PAB members shall be retired, sworn law enforcement  
22 officers who retired in good standing at least (2) years prior to appointment to the PAB, with sufficient  
23 time and responsibility of service in a Maryland law Enforcement Agency or Federal law enforcement  
24 agency to adequately represent a law enforcement perspective; and

25           **WHEREAS**, the PAB appointed chair shall have experience relevant to the position; and

26           **WHEREAS**, the five appointed PAB members' (including the PAB Chair) initial terms shall be  
27 staggered wherein two members shall have initial 3 year terms, two members shall have initial 2 year  
28 terms and one member shall have an initial 1 year term, and the two appointed ACC members shall  
29 have 3 year terms; and

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30           **WHEREAS**, the appointed PAB members and the appointed ACC members must be residents of  
31 at least 6 months in Cecil County; and

32           **WHEREAS**, the PAB and ACC members will be reimbursed at a rate to not exceed \$300 a day for  
33 their service during FY-23, and reimbursed at a rate as approved in successive Cecil County fiscal year  
34 budgets, and be reimbursed for pre-approved reasonable expenses for costs associated with their  
35 official duties; and

36           **WHEREAS**, Bill No. 2022-08, Section M1, provides that the County Executive shall appoint the  
37 PAB Chair and the four PAB Members and Section N3 provides that the County Executive shall appoint  
38 two ACC members, subject to confirmation by the Council; and

39           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has appointed Stephen Austin Miller as Chairman of the PAB  
40 for a three year initial term to expire on December 31, 2025; and

41           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has appointed Jamila Harue Mettee as a member of the PAB  
42 for a three year initial term to expire on December 31, 2025; and

43           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has appointed John Wayne Thompson as a member of the PAB  
44 for a two year initial term to expire on December 31, 2024; and

45           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has appointed John Ronald Stricklett as a member of the PAB  
46 for a two year initial term to expire on December 31, 2024; and

47           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has appointed Robert Franklin McKnight as a member of the  
48 PAB for a one year initial term to expire on December 31, 2023; and

49           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has appointed Michael William Dawson as a member of the  
50 ACC for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2025; and

51           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has appointed Rodney Wesley Heinze as a member of the ACC  
52 for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2025.

53           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the County Council of Cecil County confirms  
54 the appointments by the County Executive of Stephen Austin Miller as Chairman of the PAB for a three  
55 year initial term to expire on December 31, 2025; of Jamila Harue Mettee as a member of the PAB for a  
56 three year initial term to expire on December 31, 2025; John Wayne Thompson as a member of the  
57 PAB for a two year initial term to expire on December 31, 2024; of John Ronald Stricklett as a member  
58 of the PAB for a two year term to expire on December 31, 2024; of Robert Franklin McKnight as a

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59 member of the PAB for a one year initial term to expire on December 31, 2023; of Michael William  
60 Dawson as a member of the ACC for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2025; and of Rodney  
61 Wesley Heinze as a member of the ACC for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2025.

62 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that PAB and ACC members will receive at a rate to not exceed  
63 \$300 a day for their service during FY-23, and reimbursed at a rate as submitted by the County  
64 Executive and approved by the County Council in successive Cecil County fiscal year budgets, and be  
65 reimbursed for pre-approved reasonable expenses for costs associated with their official duties.

66 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage  
67 by the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland.

**INTRODUCED:** December 20, 2022

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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President of the Council

ATTEST:

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Council Manager