

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2022 as Amended

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 December 20, 2022 at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on January 3, 2023.

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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

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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

30 **WHEREAS**, the appointed PAB members and the appointed ACC members must be residents of
31 at least 6 months of 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 reasonable expenses for costs associated with their official duties; and,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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57 of the PAB for a two year term to expire on December 31, 2024; of Robert Franklin McKnight as a
58 member of the PAB for a one year initial term to expire on December 31, 2023; of Michael William
59 Dawson as a member of the ACC for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2025; and of Rodney
60 Wesley Heinze as a member of the ACC for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2025;

61 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that PAB and ACC members will receive at a rate to not exceed
62 \$300 a day for their service during FY 23, and reimbursed at a rate as submitted by the County
63 Executive and approved by the County Council in successive Cecil County fiscal year budgets, and be
64 reimbursed for pre-approved reasonable expenses for costs associated with their official duties; and,
65 that CCPAB members shall receive a payment of \$1,500 per fiscal year that is paid quarterly, CCACC
66 members shall receive a payment of \$3,000 per fiscal year that is paid quarterly and CCPAB members
67 that serve on both the CCPAB and the CCACC shall receive a payment of \$4,500 per fiscal year that is
68 paid quarterly. In addition, CCPAB and CCACC members shall also receive a rate not to exceed \$300
69 per day for any day a member is attending any Federal, State or County mandated training, and shall
70 also be reimbursed for pre-approved reasonable expenses for cost associated with their official duties.

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

INTRODUCED: December 20, 2022

ADOPTED: January 3, 2023



President of the Council

ATTEST:



Council Manager



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

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FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: There is no impact as training, associated travel, and salary/stipend were already approved in the FY23 Police Accountability Board budget.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

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