

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2023-21**

RESOLUTION NO. 63-2023

Title of Resolution: Appointment—Police Accountability Board –Robert F. McKnight

Synopsis: A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Robert F. McKnight to the Police Accountability Board.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and order posted on: November 21, 2023

Consideration scheduled on: December 5, 2021

By: _____
Council Manager

Notice of time and title of Resolution having been posted by November 21, 2023 at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on December 5, 2023.

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 a Police
2 Accountability Board (PAB) to receive, report, review, investigate and adjudicate complaint of police misconduct
3 filed by members of the public, pursuant to Section 3-102(a)(3), of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

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

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

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

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

14 **WHEREAS**, the PAB appointed members shall comprehend spoken English, comprehend written English,
15 read English and write English proficiently and pass background checks, including criminal background check;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, the appointed PAB members must be residents of at least 6 months of Cecil County; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Article 4, Section 412 (b) of the charter of Cecil County provides, except as provided on
19 Section 412(c) or prescribed by State law or other provisions, that the County Executive shall appoint all
20 members of boards and commissions, subject to confirmation by the Council; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has recommended Robert Franklin McKnight for reappointment to the
22 PAB for a three-year term, which is to expire on December 31, 2026.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
24 **MARYLAND** confirms the recommendation by the County Executive of Robert Franklin McKnight, to a term
25 which is to expire on December 31, 2026.

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

INTRODUCED: November 21, 2023

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager