

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2024-06**

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2024

Title of Resolution: Appointment—Police Accountability Board – Cynthia Emmerich

Synopsis: A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Cynthia Emmerich to the Police Accountability Board, completing the term of John Stricklett, which is to expire December 31, 2024.

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

Introduced and order posted on: March 19, 2024

Consideration scheduled on: April 2, 2024

By: _____
Council Manager

Notice of time and title of Resolution having been posted by March 19, 2024 at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on April 2, 2024.

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.

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

5 **WHEREAS**, according to the Cecil County Code Section 82-2 and 82-3, appointed members of
6 the Cecil County PAB must meet certain qualifications; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has recommended Cynthia Emmerich to complete John
24 Stricklett’s term for appointment to the PAB, which is to expire on December 31, 2024.

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
26 **MARYLAND** confirms the recommendation by the County Executive of Cynthia Emmerich to complete
27 John Stricklett’s term for appointment to the PAB, which is to expire on December 31, 2024.

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

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INTRODUCED: March 19, 2024

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager