

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2024-12**

**RESOLUTION NO. 30-2024**

**Title of Resolution:** Appointment—Police Accountability Board – John Gainey

**Synopsis:** A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of John Gainey to the Police Accountability Board, completing the term of Stephen Miller, which will expire on December 31, 2025.

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

**Introduced and order posted on:** July 2, 2024

**Consideration scheduled on:** July 16, 2024

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

Notice of time and title of Resolution having been posted by July 2, 2024 at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on July 16, 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 in Section 412(c) or prescribed by State law or other provisions, that the County Executive shall appoint  
22 all members of boards and commissions and that such membership shall be subject to confirmation by  
23 the Council; and

24           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has recommended John Gainey to complete Stephen Miller’s  
25 term for appointment to the PAB, which is to expire on December 31, 2025; and

26           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**  
27 **MARYLAND** confirms the recommendation by the County Executive of John Gainey to complete  
28 Stephen Miller’s term for appointment to the PAB as Chairman, which is to expire on December 31,  
29 2025.

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

**INTRODUCED:** July 2, 2024

**ADOPTED:**

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President of the Council

ATTEST:

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Council Manager