



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

June 3, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Subject: Police Accountability Board – Appointment of New Member

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution appointing a new member to the Police Accountability Board (PAB) nominated by Councilmember Kesarwani.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

All PAB commissioners are eligible to receive a stipend of up to \$600 per month.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

There are currently three vacant seats on the PAB, including one alternate position.

Councilmember Kesarwani has nominated Joshua Buswell-Charkow to serve on the Police Accountability Board. Joshua Buswell-Charkow meets the eligibility criteria as verified by city staff in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter and may be appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Commissioner	Nominated By
<i>vacant</i>	Mayor Ishii
<i>Vacant</i>	Councilmember Kesarwani
David Williams	Councilmember Taplin
Macharia Edmonds	Councilmember Bartlett
Kitty Calavita	Councilmember Tregub
Leah Wilson	Councilmember O'Keefe
Juliet Leftwich	Councilmember Blackaby
Joshua Cayetano	Councilmember Lunaparra
Randy Wells	Councilmember Humbert
<i>vacant</i>	Alternate

Article XVIII, Section 125, Part 6 of the City Charter states, "The Mayor and each City Councilmember shall nominate one candidate from an applicant pool at a meeting of the City Council and that each individual nominee must be approved by a majority vote of the City Council."

Members of the Police Accountability Board must:

- Be a resident of the City
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Not be an employee, officer, or contractor with the City, a current sworn police officer from any agency, or a current employee, official, or representative of an employee association representing sworn police officers
- Be fair minded and objective with a demonstrated commitment to community service

The City Charter indicates that desirable qualities of a Board member are familiarity with human resources, law, police procedures, police oversight, or involvement in civil rights or community organizations and that the City Council shall endeavor to establish a Board that is broadly inclusive and reflective of race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic status, neighborhoods, and various communities of interest in the City.

BACKGROUND

Measure II was adopted on November 3, 2020, by the voters of Berkeley to establish an Office of the Director of Police Accountability and create a new Police Accountability Board (hereafter “Board”), both of which are independent of the City Manager. The members of the Board are approved by vote of the full Council.

In June of 2021 the Mayor and Members of the City Council nominated and appointed the initial nine members of the PAB and also appointed one alternate commissioner.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The appointment is provided for by the City Charter and pursuant to the nomination submitted by Councilmember Kesarwani.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSON

Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

APPOINTMENT OF RANDY WELLS TO THE POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

WHEREAS, Measure II was adopted on November 3, 2020 by the voters of Berkeley to create a new Police Accountability Board; and

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 125, Part 6 provides for the Council's appointment of board members; and

WHEREAS, the Councilmember Kesarwani submitted a nominee for appointment by the full council; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the following applicant is hereby appointed to the Police Accountability Board:

Nominee	Nominated By
Joshua Buswell-Charkow	Councilmember Kesarwani

