



Office of the Mayor

TIME CRITICAL AGENDA MATERIAL

Meeting Date: **October 29, 2024**

Item Description: Police Accountability Board – Appointment of New Member

The Police Accountability Board has not had a full complement of members since 2021. Submittal and passage of this item will ensure that there are nine Commissioners to conduct important business mandated by the City Charter. The required background check on the nominee was not completed until after the deadline for submittal had passed, therefore it is being submitted now.

Time Critical Items. A Time Critical item is defined as a matter that is considered urgent by the sponsor and that has a deadline for action that is prior to the next meeting of the Council and for which a report prepared by the City Manager, Auditor, Mayor or Council Member is received by the City Clerk after established deadlines and is not included on the Agenda Committee's published agenda.

The author of the report shall bring any reports submitted as Time Critical to the meeting of the Agenda Committee. **Per BMC 2.06.060 (D), Time Critical items must be accompanied by complete reports and statements of financial implications.**

If the Agenda Committee finds the matter to meet the definition of Time Critical, the Agenda Committee may place the matter on the Agenda on either the Consent or Action Calendar



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CONSENT CALENDAR
October 29, 2024

To: Members of the City Council
From: Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Subject: Police Accountability Board – Appointment of New Member

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution appointing a new member to the Police Accountability Board nominated by Mayor Arreguin.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

All commissioners are eligible to receive a stipend of \$100 per meeting.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

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.

There is currently one seat on the PAB that is vacant, and by taking action on this appointment all seats will be filled. The alternate seat is also vacant.

Mayor Arreguin has nominated Macharia Edmonds to serve on the Police Accountability Board. Mr. Edmonds meets the eligibility criteria in the City Charter and may be appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Commissioner	Nominated By
<i>Macharia Edmonds</i>	Mayor Arreguin
Alexander Moses	Councilmember Kesarwani
David Williams	Councilmember Taplin
John Moore	Councilmember Bartlett
Kitty Calavita	Councilmember Harrison
Leah Wilson	Councilmember Hahn
Juliet Leftwich	Councilmember Wengraf
Joshua Cayetano	Councilmember Robinson
Brent Blackaby	Councilmember Humbert
<i>vacant</i>	Alternate

The City Charter provides for the appointment of members to the Police Accountability Board. Article XVIII, Section 125, Part 6 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; and
- 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.

All applicants are reviewed and their eligibility is verified by city staff against the requirements of the Charter.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable effects on sustainability or the environment associated with the recommendation in this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The appointment is provided for by the City Charter and pursuant to the nomination submitted by Mayor Arreguin.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSON

Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

Attachments:
1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

APPOINTMENT OF MACHARIA EDMONDS 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, Mayor Arreguin has submitted a nominee for appointment by the full City 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
Macharia Edmonds	Mayor Arreguin