



Office of the City Manager

ACTION CALENDAR

June 1, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
 Submitted by: Mark Numainville, City Clerk  
 Subject: Police Accountability Board – Appointment of Members

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution appointing nine members to the Police Accountability Board nominated by the Mayor and City Councilmembers, and appointing one alternate member.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

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

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City Charter provides for the appointment of members to the newly created 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.

The Mayor and Members of the City Council were provided with a pool of eligible applicants that submitted applications by the March 29, 2021 deadline. From this pool of applicants, the following nominations were submitted to the City Clerk to present to the City Council for approval.

Nominee	Nominated By
Ismail Ramsey	Mayor Arreguin
Cheryl Owens	Councilmember Kesarwani
Regina Harris	Councilmember Taplin
John Moore	Councilmember Bartlett
Kitty Calavita	Councilmember Harrison
Michael Chang	Councilmember Hahn
Juliet Leftwich	Councilmember Wengraf
Nathan Mizell	Councilmember Robinson
Deborah Levine	Councilmember Droste

The appointments to the Board represent a diverse group from the Berkeley Community. Demographic data obtained from the applications is as follows.

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Age Range</u>
Female – 5	18-25 – 1
Male – 4	36-55 – 1
	46-55 – 2
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	56-65 – 3
Black – 5	66+ – 2
White – 3	
Asian/Pacific Islander – 1	<u>Sexual Orientation</u>
	Gay or Lesbian – 1
	Heterosexual or Straight – 8

Pursuant to the recently adopted amendment to Section 3.02.035 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, at the time that City Council appoints the initial nine (9) commissioners to the Board, the City Council will also approve an alternate commissioner. This alternate will be required to undergo the same 40-hour training requirement as the regular Board members.

**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.

The City received a total of 37 applications for the Mayor and City Council to consider. These applications were reviewed and the eligibility of the applicants was 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 appointments are directed by the City Charter and pursuant to the nominations submitted by the Mayor and Councilmembers.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

APPOINTMENT OF NINE MEMBERS TO THE POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD  
AND ONE ALTERNATE MEMBER

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 Mayor and Councilmembers have submitted nominees for appointment by the full council; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code provides for the appointment of an alternate board member.

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

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nominated By</b>
Ismail Ramsey	Mayor Arreguin
Cheryl Owens	Councilmember Kesarwani
Regina Harris	Councilmember Taplin
John Moore	Councilmember Bartlett
Kitty Calavita	Councilmember Harrison
Michael Chang	Councilmember Hahn
Juliet Leftwich	Councilmember Wengraf
Nathan Mizell	Councilmember Robinson
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that <<<First Last>>> is hereby appointed as the alternate board member to the Police Accountability Board.