



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

November 29, 2021

Dear Councilors:

The Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0967, order regarding Civilian Review Board nominations.

This docket was sponsored by Councilors Matt O'Malley and Andrea Campbell, and was referred to the Committee on September 15, 2021.

Summary of Legislation

Docket #0967 was filed in furtherance of the City Council's obligations under City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 12-17.8, establishing a Civilian Review Board within the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT) in the City of Boston. The City Council is charged with submitting nine nominations to the Mayor for appointment to three of the nine seats on the Civilian Review Board.

The Civilian Review Board consists of nine total members: six appointed by the Mayor from a pool of applicants recommended by civil rights advocacy groups, youth organizations, neighborhood associations, and members of the Boston community with knowledge of law enforcement; and three appointed by the Mayor from a pool of nine nominees submitted by the Boston City Council. Under the ordinance, Board members must be Boston residents, not current members of law enforcement, and the Board must include at least one member between the ages of 18-21. Board members each serve a term of three years (though initial appointees will serve staggered terms of 1, 2, and 3 years), and Board members cannot serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Each member will be paid one hundred dollars per hour for their service, not to exceed fifty thousand dollars per year.

The duties of the Board as laid out by the ordinance include conducting an independent inquiry or investigation where necessary, into complaints made against the Boston Police Department (BPD); resolving complaints or matters not within the scope of review of the Internal Affairs Oversight Panel (IAOP); at the Board's discretion, reviewing, investigating and making recommendations with regard to allegations of disparate treatment by BPD in recruiting, hiring, promotion, discipline and termination of members of BPD; periodically evaluating alternative options and/or improvements to the civil service examination process; making recommendations

to the Police Commissioner regarding reviewed complaints or other matters before the Board; and convening at least once per quarter.

City Council Process for Nominations

The OPAT legislation charges the City Council with nominating three people for each of three seats the Mayor will fill with a City Council nomination. The City Council decided to proceed with an open process, through which any member of the public could apply for consideration for nomination. On July 21, 2021, the City Council opened to the public an applications portal, which ran through September 20, 2021. The City Council received 81 eligible applications. A working session was held on this docket on Friday, November 19, 2021.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

After thorough consideration of the 81 applications received by the City Council and the thoughtful recommendations of Council colleagues, as Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, I recommend forwarding the following nine nominees to the Mayor for consideration of appointment to the Civilian Review Board of the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency:

- Mona Connolly Casper, 701 East 6th Street, South Boston, MA 02127
- Maria Dolorico, 92 Worcester Street, South End, MA 02118
- Anne Hernandez, 219 Roslindale Avenue, Unit 2, Roslindale, MA 02131
- Luis Lopez, 206 Paris Street, East Boston, MA 02128
- Zachary Lown, 195 Cummins Highway, Roslindale, MA 02131
- Carrie Mays, 468 Harvard Street, Dorchester, MA 02124
- Tara Register, 22 Winthrop Street, Roxbury, MA 02119
- Chanda Smart, 50 Moreland Street, Roxbury, MA 02119
- Benjamin Thompson, 11 Tremlett Street, Dorchester, MA 02124



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