

Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

**Council
President
Congo**

WHEREAS, the Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST), under its authority provided by 11 Del. C. § 8404, mandates that “establish either individually or in combination with other departments, police accountability committees or boards to provide advice to departments on policy, training, and other issues relating to or affecting the department and the communities served by the department”; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington City Council 2022-2025 Strategic Plan prioritizes a “Transparent and Well-Represented Wilmington,” where constituents can make meaningful contributions to City government policy and processes. Ordinance 24-063, as amended, converted the Citizens Complaint Review Board to the Wilmington Police Accountability Board, an independent board pursuant to section 8-403 of the Charter of the City of Wilmington, within the Wilmington Police Department; and

WHEREAS, 11 Del. C. § 8404 recommends that the Board include in its membership a religious leader from the community and members of the community who have been impacted directly or are immediate family members or caregivers of those impacted by the juvenile and/or adult criminal justice systems; and

WHEREAS, the Board is composed of seven (7) residents of the City of Wilmington, who are voting members. Four (4) members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of City Council, and three (3) members appointed by the President of City Council. Voting members may not be current or former members of law enforcement or affiliated with law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 24-063, as amended, stipulates that appointments to the Board by the Mayor include one (1) member of the community, or the immediate family member or caregiver of a community member, who has been impacted by the juvenile and/or adult criminal justice system; one (1) religious leader, from the faith-based community, with experience with justice-involved individuals; and one (1) criminal justice reform advocate from the civil rights community; and one (1) community member; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 24-063, as amended, stipulates that appointments to the Board by the President of City Council include one (1) member of the education community; one (1) member of the mental health treatment community as defined by the National Alliance on Mental Illness; and one (1) community member; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John Carney selects the following members for appointment to the Wilmington Community Police Accountability Board:

- Albert Mills (Community member impacted by the juvenile and/or adult criminal justice system)
- Bishop Thomas Weeks (Faith-based community)
- Jennifer Thompkins (Civil rights community)
- Hanifa Shabazz (Community member)

WHEREAS, the City Council President Ernest “Trippi” Congo, II selects the following members for appointment to the Wilmington Community Police Accountability Board:

- Darryl L. Chambers (Education community)
- Andrea Hale-Nichols (Mental health community)
- Nicholas X. Brock (Community member)

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Police Accountability Board also includes (2) non-voting, ex-officio members, consisting of the Wilmington Police Department’s Chief of Police or their designee and the Mayor of the City of Wilmington, with Dwight Holden serving as designee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Legislative body approves the appointments of the aforementioned individuals to serve on the Wilmington Community Police Accountability Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Board members shall serve two (2) year terms, which may be renewed no more than three (3) times total.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: The Wilmington City Council 2022-2025 Strategic Plan prioritizes a “Transparent and Well-Represented Wilmington,” where constituents can make meaningful contributions to City government policy and processes. This Resolution appoints seven (7) voting members and two (2) non-voting members to the Wilmington Community Police Accountability Board.