

Wilmington, Delaware
May 7, 2025

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WHEREAS, the Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST), under its

Sponsor:

authority provided by 11 Del. C. § 8404, mandates that “establish either individually or in

**Council
President
Congo**

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

Co-Sponsor:

department and the communities served by the department”; and

**Council
Member
McCoy**

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 into the Wilmington Community 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, the Wilmington Community Police Accountability 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. The Wilmington Community Police
Accountability Board also includes (2) non-voting, ex-officio members, consisting of the
Wilmington Police Department’s Chief of Police, or a designee, and the Mayor of the City of
Wilmington, or a designee. 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) criminal justice reform advocate from the civil rights community; 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 mental health treatment community as defined by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI); and

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

- Alexandra Coppadge Wright (Civil Rights Community)

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

- DeShaun Elliott, MSW (Mental Health Community)

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 Alexandra Coppadge Wright to serve as a member of the civil rights community and DeShaun Elliott to serve as a member of the mental health treatment community as defined by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) on the Wilmington Community Police Accountability Board.