

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR HENRY SANTANA



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER REGARDING NOMINATIONS FOR THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS OVERSIGHT PANEL WITHIN THE OFFICE OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

WHEREAS, On December 16, 2020, the Boston City Council passed an Ordinance to establish an Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT) in the City of Boston; *and,*

WHEREAS, The Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT) encompasses the OPAT Commission, Executive Administration, Civilian Review Board, and Internal Affairs Oversight Panel; *and,*

WHEREAS, The Civilian Review Board consists of nine members, at least one of whom must be a youth delegate aged 18-21, and is charged with reviewing and investigating certain complaints against the Boston Police Department and its employees. Six members, by statute, are 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 past experience and knowledge of law enforcement; *and,*

WHEREAS, The Office of Police Accountability and Transparency Ordinance, City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter XII, Section 12-17.8, states that the Mayor will appoint to the Civilian Review Board three members from three nominees per seat submitted by the Boston City Council; *and,*

WHEREAS, The Internal Affairs Oversight Panel consists of five members, and is charged with reviewing completed investigations of the Boston Police Department's Internal Affairs Division. By statute, the members are appointed by the Mayor from a pool of applicants, preferably licensed attorneys, with experience in civil rights advocacy, youth advocacy, and those with past experience and knowledge of law enforcement; *and,*

WHEREAS, The Office of Police Accountability and Transparency Ordinance, City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter XII, Section 12-17.12, states that the Mayor will appoint to the Internal Affairs Oversight Panel two members from three nominees per seat submitted by the Boston City Council. ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the Boston City Council shall receive applications from interested persons which shall include a brief statement of the reasons for their interest and suitability as a member of the Civilian Review Board or Internal Affairs Oversight Panel; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a working session to review applications for the Civilian Review Board and Internal Affairs Oversight Panel within the Office of Police Accountability. Members of the Boston City Council shall come to a consensus on nine nominees for the Civilian Review Board, which shall include three youth delegate nominees aged 18-21; and six nominees for the Internal Affairs Oversight Panel. The nominees shall be submitted to the Mayor for consideration.

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