

ALBUQUERQUE CITY COUNCIL
FLOOR AMENDMENT

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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____ TO: O-21-78

AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR: _____

1. On page 9, line 31: Amend Subsection (A) as follows:

“§ 9-4-1-5 THE CPOA POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD.

- (A) *Composition.* The Board shall be composed of ~~nine~~ **a non-voting Chairperson, together with five** at-large members who broadly represent the diversity and demographics of the city by way of, including but not limited to, cultural, gender and geographic diversity; and who are representative of the stakeholders of the police oversight process, and who reside within the City of Albuquerque. **The five (5) voting members of the Board shall be composed of: 2-3 members with criminal justice system experience; 2-3 members with prior Community Policing Council experience; and 1 general member. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if members meeting the qualifications identified above are not readily available, additional general members may be appointed when necessary to ensure timely appointments to the board.**

2. On page 14, line 15: Amend Subsection (G) as follows:

“§ 9-4-1-5 THE CPOA POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD.

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- (G) *Chair.* The ~~Board City Council,~~ shall ~~elect one of its members as appoint a non-voting~~ Chairperson ~~and one as Vice-Chairperson,~~ who shall ~~each hold office serve~~ for one year

~~[and or] until their successor[s are elected is appointed. The Board shall elect one of its members as the Vice-Chairperson who shall hold office for one year or until their successor is elected. No officer shall be eligible to immediately succeed himself or herself in the same office. Officers shall be elected in the month of March of each calendar year or upon vacancy of an office to fill the remaining term.]~~

Explanation: This Amendment reduces the composition of the Board from a 9-member board to a 5-member board with a non-voting Chairperson. The use of a non-voting chairperson specifically dedicated to officiating the meetings may help with the efficiency of the Board. There are no requirements in the CASA for the number of members that should be on the board and numbers vary across different cities. The nine-member board is a carryover from the Police Oversight Commission which was appointed by Council District. A five-member board may be more efficient and easier to keep fully seated. Other amendments proposed within the ordinance update are aimed at reducing the board's workload. Since there is no hard and fast requirement for the number of members, other proposals for the size of the board can be evaluated as part of this amendment. This amendment also directs that certain board members have backgrounds qualifications in criminal justice or with civilian policing councils.

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(F) Orientation and Training.

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[(6) Each member of the Board shall be paid a \$500 honorarium upon completion of their initial training as outlined in Section 9-4-1-5(F)(1)-(2). Each member of the Board shall be compensated \$250 upon completion of annual Required On-Going Training as outlined in Section 9-4-1-5(F)(3).]

2. On page 16, line 20: Insert a new subsection as follows:

“§ 9-4-1-5 THE CPOA POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD.

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[(K) Stipend. Each member of the Board shall be compensated at a rate of \$100 per regular meeting of the Board, not to exceed \$200 per month per board member.]

Explanation: Given the extensive training requirements for Board members, this amendment provides for a \$500 honorarium to Board members upon completion of their initial training. It also provides an additional \$250 honorarium on an annual basis upon completion of “Required On-Going Training” as defined in the

Ordinance. This amendment also provides for a \$100 stipend to Board members per regular meeting of the Board, not to exceed \$200 per month. The Board generally conducts regular meetings one time per month, but additional meetings have sometimes occurred in the past. This stipend is aimed at addressing Board participation and retention of members.

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[(K) Job Description. The Board shall draft a job description that informs members of their roles, responsibilities, and specific expectations of a CPOA Board member. The Board shall present the job description to the City Council for final approval. Each member of the CPOA Board shall sign the job description to affirm their understanding of their obligations to the Board.]

Explanation: This amendment adds a provision requiring the CPOA Board to create a “job description” that explains the expectations for members of the board. The job description would be drafted then submitted to the Council for final approval. All board members would be expected to sign the job description, and in so doing, they are verifying their commitment to serving as a board member. This signed job description is aimed at addressing the Board's understanding of its responsibilities and improving participation and retention of members. It can also be used to educate prospective Board members on what membership entails.

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