

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE CITY COUNCIL

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

All Councilors

FROM:

Stephanie M. Yara, Director of Council Services

SUBJECT:

Staff Recommendation to Reappoint Dr. William J. Kass to the

Civilian Police Oversight Agency Board

DATE:

January 17, 2020

Pursuant to the provisions of §9-4-1-5 of the Police Oversight Ordinance, City Council staff recommends the reappointment of Dr. William J. Kass to the Civilian Police Oversight Agency Board.

APPOINTEE NAME

TERM

Dr. William J. Kass

February 2, 2023

5114 Royene Ave NE

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

If reappointed, Dr. Kass will be serving his first full term which will expire on February 2, 2023, and he will be eligible for re-appointment for another three-year term.

Dr. William J. Kass is currently serving on the CPOA Board. He was appointed by Council on June 19, 2017. Dr. Kass is a retired physical scientist, where he was project manager of a wide variety of scientific and engineering projects. Dr. Kass has been active in following APD reform efforts by attending numerous community meetings including POC and POB meetings, Police Oversight Task Force Meetings, Coffee with Cops, and Council Meetings with Dr. James Ginger. Dr. Kass' interest in serving comes from his prior involvement and interest in reviewing, analyzing, and recommendations of policy.

Current Board Membership:

Name

Term

Ms. Cathryn Starr	02/02/2023
Dr. William J. Kass	02/02/2023
Mr. Douglas Mitchell	02/02/2023
Vacant	02/02/2021
Mr. Leonard Waites	02/02/2021
Mr. Eric Olivas	02/02/2021
Ms. Tara Armijo-Prewitt	02/02/2022
Ms. Chantal M. Galloway	02/02/2022
Vacant	02/02/2022

Per the Ordinance, the Board composition is to consist of nine 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." 9-4-1-5(A) ROA 1994.

Members serve two three-year terms. Per the Police Oversight Ordinance, Board members must also meet the following requirements:

- (1) He or she must not have been employed by law enforcement for one year prior to appointment; and
 - (2) He or she must successfully pass a background check; and
- (3) He or she must have a personal history lacking any pattern of unsubstantiated complaints against APD; and
- (4) He or she must have a demonstrated ability to engage in mature, impartial decision making; and
- (5) He or she must have a commitment to transparency and impartial decision making; and
 - (6) He or she must be a resident of the City of Albuquerque

Per Ordinance requirements for the Board's composition, listed above, Council Staff recommends Dr. William J. Kass be reappointed to the Civilian Police Oversight Agency Board.

ATTACHMENTS

Map of CPOA Board Members

