

Legislation Text

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Appointing Benjamin Lerner to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

WHEREAS, Bill No. 210074 (approved June 9, 2021), set forth a new Chapter 21-1200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Citizens Police Oversight Commission," which established the composition and powers and duties of the Commission, an independent oversight agency designed to ensure the just, transparent, and efficient administration of criminal justice in Philadelphia through fair and timely investigation into and oversight of conduct, policies, and practices of the Police Department and its officers; and

WHEREAS, Section 21-1203 of the Code provides for the appointment of a Selection Panel to nominate nine members for appointment by Council to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, A Selection Panel of five members met over a course of 24 weeks and carried out a nomination process by, among other things, soliciting applications and interviewing candidates, and on March 24, 2022, recommended nine individuals to Council for appointment to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Council agrees with the recommendation of Benjamin Lerner to be a member of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Section 21-1203 of the Code provides that four members shall initially serve for two-year terms and five members shall initially serve for four-year terms, which terms shall begin upon the date of adoption of the first resolution appointing a member to the Commission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby appoints Benjamin Lerner to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission, to serve a two-year term.