



Bill No. 25-08  
Concerning: Amend the Police  
Accountability Board and an Administrative  
Charging Committee  
Introduced: May 6, 2025  
Revised: \_\_\_\_\_ Draft No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Frederick County Code, Chapter 1-2  
Section(s) 802, 803, 804 and 806

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett

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**AN ACT** to: Amend the Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committee.

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Date Council Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Transmitted to Executive: \_\_\_\_\_

Executive: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date returned by County Executive with no action: \_\_\_\_\_

By amending:

Frederick County Code, Chapter, 1-2 Section(s) 802, 803, 804 and 806

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Boldface</b> <u>Underlining</u> [Single boldface brackets] * * *	<i>Heading or defined term.</i> <i>Added to existing law.</i> <i>Deleted from existing law.</i> <i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>
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The County Council of Frederick County, Maryland, finds it necessary and appropriate to amend the Police Accountability Board and an Administrative Charging Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Frederick County Code be, and it is hereby, amended as shown on the attached Exhibit 1.

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Brad W. Young, President  
County Council of Frederick County,  
Maryland

## **ARTICLE XVIII: POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE**

## § 1-2-802. COMPOSITION.

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(C) Regular, voting members of the Board must:

(1) Be at least 21 years of age, residents of Frederick County, legal residents of the United States, and registered voters. To the extent practicable, the membership of the Accountability Board shall reflect the racial, gender, cultural diversity, and the county;

(2) Be County residents, to include:

(a) Two (2) residents of the City of Frederick;

(b) One (1) resident of the City of Brunswick;

(c) One (1) resident of the Town of Thurmont;

(d) One resident who is Black or African-American; and

(e) One resident who is a first or second generation immigrant.

Have familiarity or experience within the legal field, the behavioral

(3) Have familiarity or experience within the legal field, the behavioral health field, social services, human resources or personnel management, the operation of a government agency, criminal justice agency, community service organization, or relevant lived experience;

(4) Participate in an in-person or virtual interview and appropriate background

1 research conducted by:

- (a) The County Executive or designee; and
- (b) The municipal mayors of the Cities of Frederick and Brunswick of Thurmont, or their Chief Administrative Officer or equivalent; and
- (c) Other individuals as determined by the County Executive; and

(5) Successfully complete training on matters related to police procedures

Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, the County Ethics Law, the

gs Act, and any other training required by the State, the County Executive, or

of the Board. A ride along with a police officer to observe the workday is

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11      **§ 1-2-803. CHAIRPERSON.**

12        The County Executive shall nominate, and the County Council shall approve, an  
13      individual to serve as the Board Chairperson who shall have familiarity with criminal justice or  
14      other relevant experience needed for the position. The term of the chairperson is **[three]** two  
15      years.

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17    **§ 1-2-804.    MEETINGS, QUORUM, RECORDS.**

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19 (E) The Board shall be **[prohibited from creating sub or ad hoc committees]**  
20 authorized to create subcommittees.

21           **§ 1-2-806. ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE.**

(A) There shall be an Administrative Charging Committee to serve countywide law enforcement agencies and local law enforcement agencies within Frederick County.

(B) The Committee shall:

(1) Meet [not less than] once per month [, and additionally] or as needed;

(2) Review the findings of a law enforcement agency's investigation

1 forwarded in accordance with State law;

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(D) Membership; Term.

15 (3) The Committee shall be comprised of five (5) members.

16 (a) Members shall be at least 21 years of age, legal residents or  
17 citizens of the United States, residents of the County, and registered voters;

18 (b) Be of good moral character and free from bias that would  
19 negatively impact the integrity of the Committee; and

20 (c) Have familiarity or experience within the legal field, the behavioral  
21 health field, social services, human resources or personnel management, the operation of a  
22 government agency, criminal justice agency, or community service organization.

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2 (8) Subject to division (D)(9) below, members shall serve a term of two years and shall not  
3 be eligible for reappointment after a total of **[six]** five consecutive years of service on the  
4 Committee.