



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Chair: Dee Durham, Second District

**March 19, 2024
2:30 PM**

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801**

REVISED AGENDA

A. Meeting Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Boards & Commissions Interview

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP GEORGE E. GIBSON II TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD Introduced by: Mr. Toole

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CHERYL MACK AS CHAIR TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION Introduced by: Ms. George

D. Boards & Commissions Re-appointments

CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DENNIS E. GODEK TO THE FIRE AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD Introduced by: Ms. Durham

CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ERIC "CEASAR" HALEY TO THE FIRE AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD Introduced by: Mr. Sheldon

CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD THOMAS TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Introduced by: Mr. Hollins

E. Other

F. Public Comment

G. Adjournment

**REVISED AGENDA 3/13/24
AGENDA POSTED: DATE 3/12/24**

This agenda has been revised to reflect an appointment that was inadvertently left off the original agenda.

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Primary Sponsor: Mr. Toole
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: March 26, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP GEORGE E. GIBSON II TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

1 **WHEREAS**, the Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (the
2 “Commission”), under its authority provided by 11 *Del. C.* § 8404, requires that all police
3 departments establish, either individually or in combination with other departments, police
4 accountability committees or boards to provide advice to departments on policy, training,
5 and other issues relating to or affecting the department and the communities served by
6 the department; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the creation of the New Castle County Police Accountability Board
9 (the “Board”) will provide community members an opportunity to provide input over how
10 communities are policed. In addition, the New Castle County Division of Police will benefit
11 from constructive feedback to reform police policies and practices, improve police-
12 community relations, and enhance public safety; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Board shall consist of 11 members appointed by the County
15 Executive with the advice and consent of County Council. The County Executive shall
16 solicit recommendations from non-profit organizations. The Board shall elect the
17 chairperson and vice chairperson from among its members. Board members shall serve
18 two (2) year terms, which may be renewed. No voting members shall be current or former
19 members of law-enforcement or affiliated with law-enforcement; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, recommendations for membership are sought from Social Service
22 Organizations shall submit two (2) nominees who have been impacted directly or are
23 immediate family members or caregivers of those impacted by the juvenile or adult
24 criminal justice system; Civil Rights Organizations shall submit two (2) nominees who are
25 criminal justice reform advocates; Faith-based Organizations shall submit one (1)
26 nominee who is a religious leader from the community who has experience with justice-
27 involved individuals; Education Organizations shall submit one (1) nominee from the
28 education community; Mental Health Organizations shall submit one (1) nominee from
29 the mental health treatment community as defined by the National Alliance on Mental
30 Illness; Victims’ Rights Organizations shall submit one (1) nominee from the victims’ rights
31 community who was a victim or relative of a victim of violent crime; and three (3) at-large
32 members; and

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34 **WHEREAS**, Bishop Goerge Gibson is a religious leader who has experience with
35 justice involved individuals, who was nominated by IMAC of Delaware to serve on the
36 Police Accountability Board as a Religious Leader. Bishop Gibson is the
37 Establishmentarian and Shepherd of The Love Nation in Wilmington. He graduated from

Winston-Salem State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Intermediate Education. He attended Lutheran Theological Seminary and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree and a Doctor of Ministry degree. Bishop Gibson has been preaching the Gospel for 49 years, and is the President of the New Castle County, Delaware Fatherhood & Families Coalition. He also serves as the President of Interdenominational Ministry's Action Collation of Delaware (IMAC-DE), a board member of Labor Economic Education Empowerment (L.E.E.P.), an instructor and case manager for Pathway to Apprenticeship (P2A), a board member of the Wilmington Hope Commission and a board member of Group Violence Intervention (GVI). Bishop Gibson is also the author of "90X45: The Game of Life" and "Refreshing Reflections".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Bishop George E. Gibson, II to the New Castle County Police Accountability Board for a term to begin immediately upon adoption of this Resolution and expire on March 26, 2026.

Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Karen Hartley-Nagle
President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be no discernible fiscal impact upon the adoption of this legislation.

Primary Sponsor: Ms. Durham
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: March 26, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

**CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DENNIS E. GODEK
TO THE FIRE AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD**

1 **WHEREAS**, Dennis E. Godek has been recommended to represent the 5th Fire
2 District by the New Castle County Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board and has the
3 support and endorsement of the active fire chiefs and active presidents from all three (3)
4 stations in the 2nd Fire District pursuant to *New Castle County* Code Section 2.05.203(A);
5 and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has advised that the nomination followed the
8 process set forth in *New Castle County* Code Section 2.05.203(A); and
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10 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to *New Castle County* Code Section 2.05.203(B), the Fire
11 and Ambulance Advisory Board is vested with the responsibility to represent the needs
12 of the County fire, ambulance, and rescue services, to propose equipment changes for
13 the County Emergency Communication Center, to review and make recommendations
14 on the proposed budget of the County Emergency Services Division and to act as a liaison
15 between County government and the volunteer fire and ambulance service, among other
16 duties; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Godek has served the Elsmere Fire Company in operational
19 positions for more than 51 years, has held the title of Fire Chief and served as Secretary
20 to the Board of Directors; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of
23 County Council the appointment of Dennis E. Godek as the 5th Fire District representative
24 to the Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board.
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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
27 Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Dennis E.
28 Godek to the New Castle County Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board for a term to begin
29 immediately upon the adoption of this resolution and to expire on March 26, 2026.
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Adopted by the County Council
of New Castle County on:

Karen Hartley-Nagle
President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be no discernible fiscal impact upon the adoption of this legislation.

Primary Sponsor: Mr. Sheldon
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of Introduction: March 26, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

**CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ERIC “CEASAR” HALEY
TO THE FIRE AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD**

1 **WHEREAS**, Eric “Ceasar” Haley has been recommended to represent the 2nd Fire
2 District by the New Castle County Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board and has the
3 support and endorsement of the active fire chiefs and active presidents from all three (3)
4 stations in the 2nd Fire District pursuant to *New Castle County* Code Section 2.05.203(A);
5 and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has advised that the nomination followed the
8 process set forth in *New Castle County* Code Section 2.05.203(A); and
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10 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to *New Castle County* Code Section 2.05.203(B), the Fire
11 and Ambulance Advisory Board is vested with the responsibility to represent the needs
12 of the County fire, ambulance, and rescue services, to propose equipment changes for
13 the County Emergency Communication Center, to review and make recommendations
14 on the proposed budget of the County Emergency Services Division and to act as a liaison
15 between County government and the volunteer fire and ambulance service, among other
16 duties; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Haley has served the fire service since 1989, beginning as a
19 volunteer for the Claymont Fire Company where he has earned the title of Fire Chief.
20 Additionally, Mr. Haley has served with the Wilmington Fire Department as a firefighter
21 and emergency medical technician for over twenty years, previously earning the rank of
22 Captain and currently holds the position of Battalion Chief; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of
25 County Council the appointment of Eric “Ceasar” Haley as the 2nd Fire District
26 representative to the Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board.
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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
29 Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Eric “Ceasar”
30 Haley to the New Castle County Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board for a term to begin
31 immediately upon the adoption of this resolution and to expire on March 26, 2026.
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Adopted by the County Council
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Karen Hartley-Nagle
President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be no discernible fiscal impact upon the adoption of this legislation.

Introduced by: Mr. Hollins
Requested by: Executive Office
Date of introduction: March 26, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

**CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD THOMAS
TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

WHEREAS, the New Castle County Board of Adjustment ("Board") consists of 7 members who are required to be residents of New Castle County, who have knowledge of, and experience in, the problems of urban and rural development, and who, at the time of appointment, are not permitted to be candidates or candidates-elect for, or incumbents of, elective public office pursuant to 9 *Del. C. §§1311-1314* and *New Castle County Code §40.30.320*); and

WHEREAS, the Board is empowered to hear and decide appeals in zoning matters, applications for special exceptions or special permits, and, in specific cases, variance requests from any zoning ordinance, code or regulation that will not be contrary to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, with the advice and consent of the County Council, appoints 6 members for terms of 4 years. Further, the County Executive, with the advice and consent of the County Council, appoints 1 member who is the chairperson and who serves at the pleasure of the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of County Council the re-appointment of Edward Thomas to the Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas has served as a distinguished member of the Board since 2015, and his experience and knowledge greatly benefit New Castle County's Board of Adjustment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the re-appointment of Edward Thomas to the New Castle County Board of Adjustment for a term to begin upon adoption of this Resolution and to expire on March 26, 2028.

Adopted by the County Council of
New Castle County on:

Karen Hartley-Nagle
President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: There will be no discernable fiscal impact upon the adoption of this legislation.