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## **NEWS RELEASE**

**Subject: South Bend Common Council Hosting Open Forum for the Position of the Director of the Community Police Review Board**

**Date: Monday, March 20, 2023**

**From: Council President, Sharon L. McBride**

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### **South Bend Common Council Hosting Open Forum for the Position of the Director of the Community Police Review Board**

The Common Council will be hosting an open forum for the position of Director of the Community Police Review Board Office today **March 20, 2023**, at **7:00 p.m.** at the **St. Joseph County Public Library in Ballroom A.**

The public forum will also be available by way of a virtual meeting using the Microsoft Teams Meeting app. Public access to the Common Council Committee meeting can be granted by following this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/032023CRBFORUM>

Five candidates have been given invitations to participate in this final interview round for the job of Director: Stephanie Ball, Charles L. King, Randy Peppers, Julius Rhodes, and Matt Topelian.

The Council agreed to and voted on a hiring process plan in early 2022 which included two initial rounds of interviews and this third-round public forum meeting. The final public forum was to include no more than five candidates. The process plan also provides that the “applicants shall all participate individually, one at a time in the meeting and not be present when they are not participating. Each applicant will be given seven minutes to introduce themselves and discuss their goals for the office, followed by questioning by the facilitators.

All questions and discussion shall be facilitated during the meeting by the Moderator, a City Human Resources Representative, Council Attorney or Council President. All applicants will be asked the same questions during this third round of interviews.





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Immediately following the interview of all candidates, the meeting will be open to members of the public for input and discussion on the applicants. This meeting is intended to be a listening session for the Council and the Council will hold all of its input and discussion for the public meeting described in the next paragraph. During the public input portion, the public shall be allotted three minutes for comments and after all those have spoken that wish to speak, a second comment time of two minutes. Following public input portion of the meeting, the Council to provide its input into the final determinations and express its opinion on the finalists.

Following the meeting, based on the input of both the public and the Council, meeting, the Council President, the Vice President, the immediate past Council President and the Chair of the Health & Public Safety Committee shall hold a closed-door meeting and then file a Recommendation Resolution recommending no more than three applicants to the Mayor as required by the City Ordinance. The Resolution shall be considered at the next Council meeting after its filing. The Mayor shall then select one of the applicants listed in the approved Recommendation Resolution for the position of Director of the Community Police Review Board Office.

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