



Sheriff Denita R. Ball

MILWAUKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAUNCHES INAUGURAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

MILWAUKEE – The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) has formally launched the agency's first ever civilian Community Advisory Board (CAB), with the announcement of 15 members – nine of whom were selected independently by a diverse panel of community leaders, and six chosen by Sheriff Denita Ball.

The board, whose primary goal is to provide a forum for the community at large to identify challenges, needs, and concerns related to public safety in Milwaukee County, to recommend possible solutions, and to foster a partnership between the public and the MCSO, was created earlier this year by Sheriff Ball as the newest chapter of the agency's robust community engagement apparatus.

“Having the input of the community is essential for maintaining and improving safety. Your voice matters to me,” said Sheriff Ball, who will meet monthly with the board to promote transparency and accountability for the MCSO.

The CAB's inaugural board, which includes documented vocal critics of the MCSO – some of the critics being among those selected *by* Sheriff Ball, is as follows:

- Richard Cesar, Milwaukee Area Technical College
- Alberta Dziadulewicz, Retired
- Travis Landry, Westcare Wisconsin, Inc.
- Renee Logee-Henersky, United Neighborhood Centers of Milwaukee
- Byron Marshall, Self-employed
- Vaun Mayes, ComForce MKE LLC
- Michael McClone-Carriere, Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Eva Roberson, Milwaukee Public Schools
- Anthony Smith, Marcus Performing Arts Center
- Robert Thibault II, Prison Action Milwaukee
- Tiquila Thomas, Safe & Sound
- Faithe Thomas-Colas, Greater Milwaukee Urban League
- Tomeka Vukovic, Everybody Votes
- Bathena Webber, Retired
- LaKeshia Myers, Educator, former Legislator

The board selection committee, which chose the majority of the board's members, was as follows:

- Board chair Faithe Thomas-Colas
- Pastor, Dr. Richard Shaw, St. Matthew CME Church, Milwaukee Innerscity Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH)
- Darryl Morin, Forward Latino
- Adam Procell, Paradigm Shyft

Sheriff Ball selected Thomas-Colas, Mayes, Thibault, Vukovic, Webber, and Myers.

“I’ve been asked, ‘Why appoint *any* critics to this board’,” said Sheriff Ball. “The answer is easy: I wanted people from different walks of life in our county, with a variety of viewpoints, including constructive criticism of the MCSO, as long as they shared two common denominators: a desire to make Milwaukee County safer, and a desire to move our agency and community forward.”

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