



RESOLUTION # 43-2/24

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AS Amended

ITEM # 2-9

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 15
Against: 10
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 4
Vote Req: Majority
Other Action: 1-Vacant - Dist 1

JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 1

RESOLUTION RE: CREATION OF PILOT CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors created a Study Committee on Policing (SCOP) in November of 2021 (Resolution #34-11/21) and, following appointment of SCOP membership by the Board in February of 2022, the SCOP began meeting in March of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the SCOP had their final meeting in September of 2023 and presented their final report to the Judiciary & Law Committee in October of 2023 and the full County Board on February 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the SCOP final report makes the following recommendations:

- That La Crosse County create a Civilian Review Board (CRB).
- That the charge of the CRB be "to serve as a respected, trusted, and independent liaison between Law Enforcement agencies in La Crosse County and the communities they serve."
- That the CRB have three primary functions:
 1. To advocate and act as a liaison for civilians with law enforcement complaints or concerns;
 2. To perform community outreach about the CRB;
 3. To collect and annually share data about its work.
- That the CRB consist of 5-7 citizen members appointed by the County Board Chair and confirmed by the full board in a manner consistent with the qualifications and attributes outlined in the Study Committee on Policing Report dated September 26, 2023.
- That the CRB be staffed by one or more County employees.
- That the CRB be launched as soon as possible as a 2-3 year pilot program with annual evaluations and a final evaluation at the end of the pilot period which would include recommendation made by the CRB for improvements and adjustments for the next phase of its existence; and

WHEREAS, the Judiciary & Law Committee is the appropriate standing committee to provide oversight and guidance to the CRB and to County staff involved in the development of a pilot CRB.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes a pilot Civilian Review Board comprised of 5-7 citizen members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, prospective citizen members shall apply to the Criminal Justice Management Council for appointment to the Civilian Review Board. The CJMC shall establish an application and interview process. After approval by CJMC, the prospective member shall be recommended to the County Board Chair for appointment subject to confirmation by the County Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Judiciary & Law committee has oversight of the CRB during a 2 year pilot period, including approval of the process and procedures of the CRB as necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in addition to annual reporting, updates on the CRB shall be provided to the County Board as determined by the County Board Chair and the Chair of the Judiciary & Law Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at the end of the 2 year pilot period, if the CRB continues as a County committee, the details of an ongoing CRB must be addressed by an Ordinance creating such a committee.

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact. Any recommendations from the CRB with a fiscal impact will require County Board approval.

Date: 2/6/24
Margaret Faxon
COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 2/6/24
Lisa Bruring
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	<u>gt</u>	_____	_____	Requested By: David Pierce
Fin. Director	_____	_____	_____	Date Requested: January 9, 2024
Corp. Counsel	<u>ACM</u>	_____	_____	Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Board Chair	_____	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 15 Day of February, 2024

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 15th day of February 2024.

Ginny Dankmeyer
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk