

Item #: 13

Moved by: THOMAS

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Seconded by: MULROY

Approved by: Kelly Rayne
County Attorney

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NOMINATION OF EVELYN BACHUS, EDDIE WILLIAMS, JHUKURUIN CORLEY, DOROTHY THOMAS, AUDREY GONZALEZ, JEREMY CALHOUN, THURSTON SMITH AND TONY SARWAR FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CONSORTIUM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE DECEMBER 17, 2012, AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF JUVENILE COURT REFORMS. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER JUSTIN FORD.

WHEREAS, Shelby County, the Juvenile Court of Memphis-Shelby County (JCMSC), and the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on or about December 17, 2012, regarding JCMSC; and

WHEREAS, Said MOA provides in Part IV that within six months of its effective date, JCMSC shall develop and implement a community outreach program to keep the community informed about the progress of its reforms which shall include a process for updating and receiving input from a County-wide Juvenile Justice Consortium (CJJC); and

WHEREAS, Said MOA further provides in Part IV that the CJJC shall be comprised of the Memphis/Shelby Juvenile Justice Board and other key stakeholders, including, but not limited to, six to nine citizens selected by the Mayor and approved by the Commission who are reflective of the cultural and ethnic diversity of the County, to include no less than two parents of children who have had delinquency matters before JCMSC, a person under the age of 21 who has had direct contact with the juvenile justice system, and community advocates; and

WHEREAS, Part IV of said MOA further provides that the CJJC shall hold at least one widely publicized -- through print, radio and internet media -- open meeting every six months for the first three years, and at least one open meeting annually thereafter at a convenient time and location with easy access to public transportation to inform the public about the requirements of the MOA, discuss the progress of JCMSC in each substantive area of the MOA, address community concerns related to the fair administration of juvenile justice, provide summaries of reports completed pursuant to

the MOA for the period immediately prior to the meeting, and inform the public of any policy changes or other significant actions taken as a result of the MOA; and

WHEREAS, Said MOA was posted to the Shelby County website along with a notice from the Mayor on January 4, 2013, indicating that any citizen of the County interested in serving on the CJJC, or desiring to recommend individual(s) who might be interested in serving on the CJJC, should contact the Office of the Shelby County Mayor via mail or email with contact information for such persons to be considered for nomination to the CJJC; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Part IV of the MOA, in written correspondence to the Chairman of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners dated February 5, 2013, the County Mayor nominated nine citizens for appointment to serve as members of the CJJC -- Evelyn Bachus, Eddie Williams, Jhukuruin Corley, Dorothy Thomas, Audrey Gonzalez, Jeremy Calhoun, Thurston Smith and Tony Sarwar -- who are reflective of the cultural and ethnic diversity of the County; and

WHEREAS, Citizens nominated by the Mayor for appointment and approved by the Commission shall serve as members of the CJJC for a term of two years; and

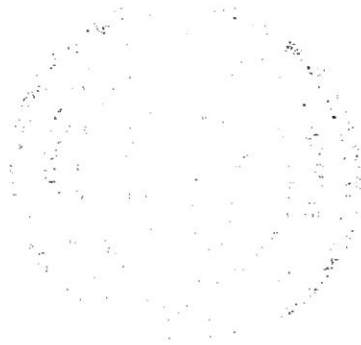
WHEREAS, The following indicates the diversity of the nine citizens selected by the Mayor for appointment to the CJJC:

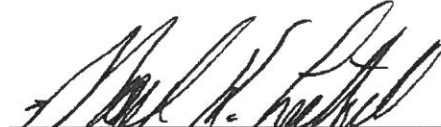
1. Evelyn Bachus of Memphis, a stakeholder and parent of child who has had delinquency matters before JCMSC;
2. Eddie Williams of Memphis, a stakeholder and parent of child who has had delinquency matters before JCMSC;
3. Jhukuruin Corley of Memphis, a stakeholder under the age of 21 who has had direct contact with the juvenile justice system;
4. Dorothy Thomas of Germantown, a stakeholder and community advocate;
5. Reverend Audrey Gonzalez of Memphis, a stakeholder and community advocate;
6. Jeremy Calhoun of Memphis, a stakeholder and community advocate;
7. Thurston Smith of Memphis, a stakeholder and community advocate;
8. Tony Sarwar of Collierville, a stakeholder and community advocate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That Evelyn Bachus, Eddie

Williams, Dorothy Thomas, Audrey Gonzalez, Jeremy Calhoun, Thurston Smith and Tony Sarwar, who are nominated by the Mayor to serve as members of the CJJC for a term of two years are hereby, pursuant to Part IV of the MOA, approved and confirmed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall take effect in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Article II, Section 2.06(B).





Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.
County Mayor

Date: 3-6-13

ATTEST:



Evelyn Gray
Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: February 25, 2013