[Suspension and Approval of Charges of Official Misconduct - Commissioner William Palmer]

Motion suspending Commissioner William Palmer from the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board and approving charges of official misconduct against Commissioner Palmer under Charter, Section 15.105; directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to transmit this Motion and the charges of official misconduct to the Ethics Commission; and directing the City Attorney to serve this Motion and the charges of official misconduct on Commissioner Palmer.

WHEREAS, Under Charter, Sections 4.137 and 15.105, a member of the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board may be removed from office if the member has committed official misconduct; and

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 15.105 provides that where the Board of Supervisors is the appointing authority of a member of the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board, the Board of Supervisors initiates the official misconduct removal process by suspending the commissioner and presenting charges of official misconduct to the Ethics Commission; the Ethics Commission must hold a hearing where the commissioner has a right to appear with counsel and present a defense; the Ethics Commission must make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors whether to sustain the charges and transmit the record of the hearing to the Board of Supervisors; if the Board of Supervisors finds that the commissioner committed official misconduct, the Board may remove the commissioner from office upon a three-fourths vote; and

WHEREAS, On June 27, 2023, the Board of Supervisors appointed William Monroe Palmer II to a seat on the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board, with a term ending on March 1, 2027 (Board File No. 230639); and

WHEREAS, The press has reported several incidents involving Commissioner Palmer that raise questions as to whether he is fit to remain in office; and

WHEREAS, At the request of Supervisor Stephen Sherrill, the Inspector General conducted an investigation of Commissioner Palmer's conduct; on September 11, 2026, the Inspector General submitted a report to the Board of Supervisors finding several bases for charges of official misconduct; the Inspector General's report is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in Board File No. 261030; and

WHEREAS, Based on the information from the Inspector General's investigation, Supervisor Sherrill requested the City Attorney prepare charges of official misconduct; those charges are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in Board File No.261030; now, therefore, be it

MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors suspends Commissioner Palmer from the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board under Charter, Section 15.105 immediately upon the effective date of this Motion; and, be it

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves the charges of official misconduct in Board File No.261030 and directs the Clerk to transmit this Motion and the charges to the Ethics Commission; and, be it

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the City Attorney's Office to serve this motion and the charges on Commissioner Palmer.

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Motion: M26-098

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September 28, 2026 Rules Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

September 29, 2026 Board of Supervisors - APPROVED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong

File No. 261030

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED on 9/29/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board