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**MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT TO CHICAGO POLICE BOARD**

Among other appointments and reappointments made today, Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced the appointment of John P. O'Malley, Jr. to the Chicago Police Board.

"Throughout his career, John has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving communities across Chicago," said Mayor Emanuel. "My administration is committed to providing residents in every neighborhood with the highest quality of programs and services, which is why I tapped this appointee to help the City achieve its goals."

Pending City Council approval, O'Malley replaces attorney William Conlon, who resigned from the Police Board after serving five years and has since been appointed Chair of the Board of Ethics.

O'Malley is the Corporate Security Director for William Blair and Company, a global private investment banking firm. In this role, he manages and directs the firm's global security strategy. He previously served for more than 25 years with the United States Marshals Service.

The Police Board, which is comprised of nine members, is part of Chicago's extensive civilian participation in the investigatory and disciplinary process for police officers. The Police Board, CPD and IPRA, now COPA, have different roles in that process. The responsibility to receive complaints of alleged police misconduct rests with IPRA. The Police Board has the responsibility to decide cases when the Superintendent of Police files charges to terminate an officer or suspend an officer for more than thirty days; review, upon the request of an officer, a suspension of six to thirty days; and decide matters in which IPRA/COPA and CPD do not agree on the level of discipline for a police officer.

The Police Board is committed to promoting transparency and ensuring that it is accessible to all Chicagoans. The hearings of disciplinary cases before the Board are open to the public, and the schedule of upcoming hearings is listed on our website. The Board's decisions in these cases, which include detailed reasons for its findings, are also posted on its website. These measures promote accountability and increase police officers' and the public's confidence in the process for handling allegations of police misconduct.

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