



Providence External Review Authority

October 17, 2025

The Honorable Rachel Miller
Council President
City of Providence
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Council President Miller,

At our board meeting on October 16, 2025, the Providence External Review Authority, in accordance with the City of Providence Ordinance Chapter 18 ½, Section 2, voted unanimously to recommend reappointment of Mr. Ferenc Karoly, Esq., as the Executive Director of PERA for an additional term of 2 years and submits the same for approval by the City Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan R. DeRita".

Susan DeRita
Chairwoman

Cc: Tina Mastroianni

IN CITY COUNCIL

DEC 04 2025

READ

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tina Mastroianni".
CLERK

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Providence External Review Authority

November 24, 2025

Dear Chairwoman Ryan and Finance Committee Members,

On October 16, 2025, authority members unanimously voted to recommend the reappointment of Ferenc Karoly as Executive Director for an additional two-year term. We would like to make you aware of some of Mr. Karoly's accomplishments that have resulted in an increase in the visibility of PERA in the community and the filing of a record 40 complaints thus far for 2025.

- Implemented a public portal where you can file a complaint or compliment, make a recommendation, access various data points, and view the status of complaints.
- Collaborated with the Mayor's Center for City Services to inform the community about PERA through their Community Relations newsletter with a reach of 400+ residents.
- Met with several community organizations and presented informational sessions at local colleges/universities.
- Offered to city council members and community groups to provide a speaker at their community meetings.
- Hired an experienced investigator to determine validity of complaints.
- Recommended several revisions to the Providence Community-Police Relations Act (PCPRA) and the ordinance governing PERA.
- Submitted several policy recommendations to the Providence Police Department on behalf of the Authority and rationale for each.
- Developed a disciplinary matrix for use by the Providence Police Department.
- Provided guidance on the appeals process for those on the Gang Database
- Conducted first ever gang database audit
- Cited in several news articles on police related oversight topics, including ICE investigations and improper use of body worn cameras by officers.

Mr. Karoly possesses the knowledge necessary to continue the success of PERA. His background in law enforcement and the legal system is essential to the work as we receive more complex complaints. He is truly an asset to PERA and the citizens of Providence who deserve civilian oversight in these challenging times.

Very truly yours,

Susan DeRita
Chairwoman

Machiste Rankin
Vice-Chairman

Rebecca Bucci, Member
Michael Fontaine, Member
Ivan Montanez Montoya, Member
Darrell Williams, Member

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Deborah L. Wray, Member

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