

**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique  
Chairs, Police Services Boards

**FROM:** Richard Stubbings  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Public Safety Division

**SUBJECT:** **Police Services Board Members and Elections**

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The Ministry of the Solicitor General (the ministry) has received several queries regarding the responsibilities of police services board members running in the upcoming provincial or municipal elections in 2022.

All members of a police services board should review Ontario Regulation 421/97 *Members of Police Services Boards – Code of Conduct*.

The ministry advises that a board member should disclose to the police services board their decision to be a candidate in the provincial or municipal elections as soon as possible. Board members appointed by Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC), are advised to also inform their respective ministry Police Services Advisor as soon as possible.

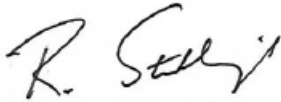
Board members who are candidates in the June 2022 provincial election may wish to consider taking a leave of absence during the writ period if they feel that, at any point they would be, or had the potential to be, in a real or perceived conflict of interest.

A police services board may have its own rules and procedures related to the political activity of its board members that should be reviewed, including those developed in accordance with s.37 of the *Police Services Act*. All board members appointed by LGIC intending to engage in political activity should also consider contacting their respective Ethics Executive/Integrity Commissioner as may be applicable.

Should a board member appointed by LGIC be elected, the board member should consider notifying the ministry and the police services board immediately, to determine next steps.

For any questions, please contact your respective Police Services Advisor (see attached Zone Assignments).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stubbings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "R." and the last name "Stubbings" clearly distinguishable.

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Attachment

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.  
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