

MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner Thomas Carrique
Chairs, Police Service Boards and OPP Detachment
Boards

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SUBJECT: **Police Service Board and OPP Detachment Board
Members and Elections**

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All members of a municipal police service board who will be running in the upcoming municipal elections in October 2026 should review [O. Reg. 408/23: Code of Conduct for Police Service Board Members](#).

Likewise, members of an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment board should review [O. Reg. 409/23: Code of Conduct for O.P.P. Detachment Board Members](#).

The ministry advises that a board member should disclose to the police service board or OPP detachment board their decision to be a candidate in a municipal election as soon as possible. Police service board members appointed by Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) or Minister, as well as OPP detachment board members appointed by the Minister must inform the ministry as soon as possible. Please contact Gita Ramburuth, Appointments Officer, Training Strategy and Development Unit, Public Safety Division at gita.ramburuth@ontario.ca and Minister.SOLGEN@ontario.ca.

Board members who are candidates in the October 2026 municipal election should also consider whether being a candidate creates a conflict of interest as defined in O. Reg. 408/23 and O. Reg. 409/23. "Conflict of interest" is defined as a situation in which the board member's private interests or personal relationships place, or may reasonably be perceived to place, the member in conflict with their duties as a member of the board. If a board member does have a conflict of interest, they must promptly disclose this.

In addition, they must not participate in discussion of or voting with respect to matters at board meetings if they have a conflict of interest in the matter.

A police service board or OPP detachment board may have its own rules and procedures related to the political activity of its members that should be reviewed. Police service boards and OPP detachment boards may develop rules or procedures pursuant to s. 46 (1) and s. 67 (6) of the [Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 \(CSPA\)](#).

Should a board member be elected to local office, the board member should consider notifying their police service board or OPP detachment board immediately, to determine next steps. Should a police service board member appointed by LGIC or Minister, or OPP detachment board member appointed by the Minister be elected to local office, the board member must notify the ministry immediately.

Inspector General of Policing (IG), Ryan Teschner, will be issuing an Advisory Bulletin in the coming weeks outlining key statutory obligations for police service board members and OPP detachment board members under the CSPA and its regulations, with a particular focus on board accountability and compliance requirements, as well as other applicable legislation.

Advisory Bulletins constitute the IG's advice pursuant to section 102 (4) of the CSPA and are intended to serve as a resource for the sector by offering the IG's general interpretation of various provisions of the CSPA. This Advisory Bulletin will be distributed by the Office of the Inspector General.

Sincerely,



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