Section 8-104. - The Governing Board of the Office of the Inspector General; appointments; terms.

(a) The Governing Board of the Office of the Inspector General shall consist of nine members, all of whom shall be known for their personal integrity. Nominees shall either be residents of the city, shall be employed within the city, or shall maintain business interests within the city. It is further urged that the members of the Board shall reflect the diversity of the city with regard to race, color, creed, religion, gender, marital status, parental status, familial status, sexual orientation, national origin, gender identity, age and disability. At all times, at least three members shall be attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Georgia.

(b) Appointments to the Board shall be made by the mayor and city council, the governing authority of the City of Atlanta. Nominations may be made by the following organizations:

1. The Atlanta Bar Association may nominate one member, chosen from the attorney members of the association;

2. The Gate City Bar Association may nominate one member, chosen from the attorney members of the association;

3. The Atlanta Business League may nominate one member, chosen from the organizations that are members of the league, which member shall not be an attorney;

4. The Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce may nominate one member from the organizations that are members of the chamber, which member shall not be an attorney;

5. The Atlanta-Fulton County League of Women Voters may nominate one member, which member shall not be an attorney;

6. The Atlanta Planning Advisory Board may nominate one member, which member shall not be an attorney nor an officer of a neighborhood planning unit;

7. The seven major universities/colleges within the city (Georgia State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Clark Atlanta University, Emory University, Morehouse College, Morris Brown College, and Spelman College) may collectively nominate one member;

8. The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners may nominate one member, chosen from the members of the association;

9. The Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants may nominate one member, chosen from the members of the society, which member shall not be an attorney.

(c) The members shall each serve for terms of three years. The members shall elect a chairperson from among the members, yearly.

(d) Appointees shall be subject to an education and employment background check, a criminal history check, and a check for past violations under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Inspector General. Appointees shall execute all releases necessary for the department of personnel and human resources and the department of police to accomplish the same. If the appointee is determined to have committed a felony, the nomination shall be withdrawn.