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City Hall

Council elects Björn Volmering as First City Councillor of Bocholt

Bocholt native takes office in April

Björn Volmering is the new First City Councillor of Bocholt. The Bocholt city council elected the 43-year-old lawyer by a large majority this evening for a term of office of eight years, starting in April. The Bocholt native and father of two succeeds Thomas Waschki, who has held the office since 2008 and was bid farewell at the meeting to applause from the council members.

As First City Councillor, Volmering will in future be the general deputy of Mayor Thomas Kerkhoff; as head of department, he is responsible for the departments "Public Order", "Culture and Education", "Social Affairs", "Youth and Family", "Fire Service" and "School and Sport". The "Demography" and "Social Planning and Neighbourhood Development" staff units are also assigned to the department.

Together with the Mayor, the City Planning Officer and the Treasurer, the First City Councillor forms the four-member Administrative Board.

A total of 14 applications had previously been received for the position of First City Councillor. Four people, including Volmering, were shortlisted and invited to an interview. After intensive discussion, the majority of the political groups agreed to propose Volmering to the city council.

Björn Volmering studied law in Berlin after graduating from St. Josef-Gymnasium and passed his 2nd state law examination there. He has been working as a Compliance and Good Governance Officer at Bocholt City Council since 2022.





Björn Volmering (l.) is the new alderman of the city of Bocholt. Mayor Thomas Kerkhoff congratulates his future colleague.

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