

# **San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District**

**2150 Webster Street, P. O. Box 12688, Oakland, CA 94612-2688**



## **BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY, February 10, 2025**

### **Members of the BPCRB**

George Perezvelez, Chair (District 9, BPCRB Representative)  
Sonja Shephard, Vice Chair (District 2, BPCRB Representative)  
Torin Fischer (District 1, BPCRB Representative)  
Veronica Kincaid (District 7, BPCRB Representative)  
Dana Lang (District 4, BPCRB Representative)  
Byron Norris (Public-at-Large Representative)  
Lester. M. Mensinger (District 6, BPCRB Representative)  
Gabriel Rodrigues, (BPMA/BPOA/Union Representation, BPCRB Representative)  
Nichin Sreekantaswamy, (District 5, BPCRB Representative)  
William White (District 3, BPCRB Representative)  
David Rizk (District 8, BPCRB Representative)

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT**  
2150 Webster Street, P.O. Box 12688, Oakland, CA 94604-2688  
**BART Police Civilian Review Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 10, 2025**

A regular meeting of the BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) was held on **February 10, 2025**, convening at 4:03 p.m. in the BART Board Room, 2150 Webster Street, 1st Floor, Oakland, California 94612.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson George Perezvelez; and Mag Tatum, Recording Secretary.

Chairperson George Perezvelez gave instructions on the in-person meeting, with an option for public participation via teleconference, accessing the presentation materials online, Public comments, and Members' remarks.

**1. Call to Order.**

The regular meeting was convened at 4:03 p.m. by Chairperson George Perezvelez.

- 1a. Introduction of New BART Police Civilian Review Board Member:  
Byron Norris (Public-at-Large) and Oaths of Office.

Newly appointed BPCRB Member Byron Norris (Public-at-Large) was newly sworn in by Angel Rodriguez, Deputy Assistant District Secretary, and the new member provided remarks.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

Members Present in Oakland, CA:

Members Torin Fischer, Dana Lang,  
Lester. M. Mensinger, Byron Norris,  
Gabriel Rodrigues, Sonja Shephard.  
and George Perezvelez.

Member Present in Tarrytown, NY:

Member William White (via Teleconference).

Absent:

Members Veronica Kincaid, David Rizk,  
and Nichin Sreekantaswamy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**2. Certificate of Appreciation for Russell Bloom, Independent Police Auditor.**

Chairperson Perezvelez presented the Certificate of Appreciation for Russell Bloom, Independent Police Auditor, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Member Mensinger moved that the Certificate of Appreciation for Russell Bloom, Independent Police Auditor, before the Board, be approved, as amended. Member Shephard seconded the motion, which was carried by a roll call vote. Ayes – 8: Members Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Norris, Rodrigues, Shephard, White, and Perezvelez. Noes – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 3: Members Kincaid, Rizk, and Sreekantaswamy.

**3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of January 13, 2025.**

Member Mensinger moved that the Minutes of the Meetings of **January 13, 2025**, be approved, as amended. Member Lang seconded the motion, which was carried by a roll call vote. Ayes – 6: Members Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Rodrigues, White, and Perezvelez. Noes – 0. Abstain – 2: Members Norris and Shephard. Absent – 3: Members Kincaid, Rizk, Sreekantaswamy.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**4. Public Comment.**

Chairperson Perezvelez called for Public Comments.

Public Comment: Aleta Dupree addressed the Board.

**5. BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) Fourth Quarterly Report (Chair Perezvelez's Request).**

Chairperson Perezvelez presented information regarding the BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) Fourth Quarterly Report, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: Aleta Dupree addressed the Board.

Member Norris moved that the BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) Fourth Quarterly Report, before the Board, be approved, as amended. Member Shephard seconded the motion, which was carried by a roll call vote. Ayes – 8: Members Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Norris, Rodrigues, Shephard, White, and Perezvelez. Noes – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 3: Members Kincaid, Rizk, and Sreekantaswamy.

Public Comment: Aleta Dupree addressed the Board.

**6. Review of Draft Language and Definitions for BART Police Department's Lexipol Policy 300 – Use of Force (Chair Perezvelez's Request).**

Chairperson Perezvelez brought the matter of the Draft Language and Definitions for BART Police Department's Lexipol Policy 300 – Use of Force, before the Board. The item was discussed and continued to the next BPCRB meeting.

Public Comment: Aleta Dupree address the Board.

Member Lang moved that the *Use of Force 300.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE* section, before the Board, be approved, as amended. Member Shephard seconded the motion, which was carried by a roll call vote. Ayes – 6: Members Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Shephard, White, and Perezvelez. Noes – 1: Member Rodrigues. Abstain – 1: Member Norris. Absent – 3: Members Kincaid, Rizk, and Sreekantaswamy.

**7. Office of the Independent Police Auditor's (OIPA) Report(s).**

a. Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Monthly Report(s) for December 2024.

Patrick Caceres, Independent Police Investigator, presented the Report(s) for December 2024, before the Board. Please note that closed session case number 23-34, was misprinted and the correct number is 24-34, under Item 9A. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**8. Chief of Police's Report(s).**

**a. BART Police Department's Monthly Report(s) for December 2024.**

Chief Kevin Franklin presented the BART Police Department's Monthly Report(s) for December 2024, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

Chairperson Perezvelez announced that the Board would enter into a closed session under item 9-A, To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #23-34 #24-24 and Case# 24-13 of the regular meeting agenda, and that the Board would reconvene in open session at the conclusion of the closed session.

The Meeting recessed at 6:16 p.m.

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The Meeting reconvened in Closed Session at 7:44 p.m.

**9. Closed Session.**

- a. To Consider a Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #~~23-34~~ #24-24 and Case# 24-13. Govt. Code §54957.

Members Present in Oakland, CA:

Members Torin Fischer,  
Dana Lang, Lester. M. Mensinger, Byron Norris  
Gabriel Rodrigues, Sonja Shephard.  
and George Perezvelez.

Member Present in Tarrytown, NY:

Member William White (via Teleconference).

Absent:

Members Veronica Kincaid, David Rizk  
and Nichin Sreekantaswamy,

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**10. Open Session.**

The Meeting reconvened into an Open Session at 7:44 p.m.

Chairperson Perezvelez announced that the Board voted to accept the findings in OIPA Case #~~23-34~~ #24-24 and Case# 24-13.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**11. Adjournment.**

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.