

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, April 13, 2026

A regular meeting of the BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) was held on **April 13, 2026**, convening at 4:01 p.m. in the BART Board Room, 2150 Webster Street, 1st Floor, Oakland, California 94612.

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

Chairperson Dana Lang 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 4:01 p.m. by Chairperson Dana Lang.

Members Present in Oakland, CA: Members Torin Fischer, Dana Lang (Chair),
Lester Mensinger, George Perezvelez,
Jennifer Rakowski, and Sonja Shephard
(Vice Chairperson).

Absent: Member Gabriel Rodrigues.

1b. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of Meeting of March 9, 2026.

Member Perezvelez moved that the Minutes of the Meetings of Meeting of March 9, 2026, be approved. Member Shephard seconded the motion, which was carried by a roll call vote. Ayes – 6: Members Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Perezvelez, Rakowski, and Shephard. Noes – 0: Abstain – 0. Absent – 1: Member Rodrigues,.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

3. **Public Comment.**

Chairperson Lang called for Public Comments.

Public Comment(s):

- Hillary Brown
- Robert Dowden
- Taqwaa Bonner
- Cat Brooks
- Lance Wilson
- Michelle Monterrosa
- Refilure
- Mena Kuchi
- Marco Duncan
- Katherine Hitchens
- Calvin Levin
- Rakeem Taylor
- Tanisha Canon
- Muhamed Younis
- Nell Myland
- Karen R.

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

- a. OIPA Monthly Report(s) for January 2026 (Revised).
- b. OIPA Monthly Report(s) for February 2026.

Patrick Caceres, Independent Police Investigator, presented the OIPA Report(s) for January 2026 (Revised) and February 2026, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

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

- a. BART Police Department's Monthly Report(s) for February 2026.
- b. BART Police Department's Response to BPCRB Use of Force Standing Committee Memo Regarding Review and Changes to Policy 300: Use of Force:
 - Policy 300 - De-escalation and Use of Force
- c. Lexipol Policy Updates from the BART Police Department to the BPCRB - March 2026:
 - **Policy 311 Firearms** – Corrected Section 311.3.1 List of Approved Optic Adapter Plate.
 - **Policy 402 Bias-Based Policing** – Updated Definition and Supervisor Responsibilities Per CA POST Definition and Penal Code § 13519.4(e).
 - **Policy 417 Exclusion (Prohibition) Orders** – Added Language Addressing Prohibition Orders to Employees and Clarified Sections 417.5.3 and Formatting.

Chief Franklin presented Chief of Police's Reports, Policy 300 - De-escalation and Use of Force, and Lexipol Policy Updates from the BART Police Department to the BPCRB – March 2026, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

6. Memo - BPCRB Use of Force Standing Committee Members regarding Policy 300: Use of Force (Member Perezvelez's Request).

Chairperson Lang presented the Memo of BPCRB Use of Force Standing Committee Members regarding Policy 300: Use of Force, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: No Public comments were received.

7. National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Training Session Number 2: Principles for Effective Oversight - This session elaborates on 13 principles that are the preconditions for effective civilian oversight of law enforcement and highlights how these principles should be incorporated into policies and procedures to enable the oversight entity to meet its goals and carry out its mandate.

Tina Barr, NACOLE's Director of Training and Education, presented "Principles for Effective Oversight", before the board. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: No Public comments were received.

8. Chairperson Lang presented BPCRB verbal reports, before the Board. The item was discussed.

- a. Chairperson Lang's Report.
- b. Individual Member Reports on Public Outreach and Other Activities.
- c. Subcommittees Reporting Out Announcements.

Public Comment: No Public comments were received.

9. Future Agenda Items – New Business and Committee Member Comments. For Discussion (An opportunity for Committee Members to briefly introduce or suggest new business items for consideration on future BPCRB agendas.)

Chairperson Lang brought the matter of the Future Agenda Items – New Business and Committee Member Comments, before the Board. The item was discussed.

- a. Restorative Justice Organization - Presentation (Vice Chairperson Shephard’s Request) – Tentatively Scheduled for August 2026 – 20 Minutes.
- b. Review of BPD Policy 436: Field Training Officer Program (Chair Lang’s Request) – Tentatively Scheduled for May 2026.
- c. Review of the Proposed Amendments to the 2025 BPCRB Bylaws for the BART Board of Directors: a. Annual Funding and Expenditures. b. Annual Training Requirements. c. Closed Session Duties & Responsibilities (Dissenting Memo) (Chair Lang’s Request) – Tentatively Scheduled for May 2026.
- d. Review of the Proposed Amendments to the 2025 BPCRB Bylaws: a. Article V. Meetings, Section 4 (Chair Lang’s Request) – Tentatively Scheduled for May 2026.
- e. Review of Station Cameras, Train Cameras, Parking Lot Cameras, and a Report on their Current State as well as Plans for Upgrades and Repairs. The discussion should Focus on Upgrading the Old System and Ensuring they are Operational and Properly Maintained for Safety of the Public as well as our BART Police Officers. (Member Mensinger’s Request) – Tentatively Scheduled for May 2026.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

Chairperson Lang announced that the Board would enter into a closed session under items 10-A, 10-B, and 10-C. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #25-32, Case #25-44, and Case #25-52, of the regular meeting agenda, that the Board would reconvene in open session at the conclusion of the closed session.

The Meeting recessed at 7:00 p.m.

The Meeting reconvened in Closed Session at 7:50 p.m.

10. Closed Session.

Members Present in Oakland, CA:

Members Torin Fischer, Dana Lang (Chair), Lester Mensinger, George Perezvelez, Jennifer Rakowski, and Sonja Shephard (Vice Chairperson).

Absent:

Member Gabriel Rodrigues.

- a. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #25-32. Govt. Code §54957.

Chairperson Lang announced that the Board voted unanimously to accept the findings in OIPA Case# 25-32.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

- b. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #25-44. Govt. Code §54957.

Chairperson Lang announced that the Board voted unanimously to accept the findings in OIPA Case# 25-44.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

- c. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #25-52. Govt. Code §54957.

Chairperson Lang announced that the Board voted unanimously to accept the findings in OIPA Case# 25-52.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

11. **Adjournment.**

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.