

# **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**

**Monday, July 14, 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)

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT**  
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**BART Police Civilian Review Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, July 14, 2025**

A regular meeting of the BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) was held on **July 14, 2025**, convening at 4:10 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 4:10 p.m. by Chairperson George Perezvelez.

Members Present in Oakland, CA:           Members Torin Fischer, Dana Lang, Lester Mensinger, Byron Norris, Gabriel Rodrigues, Sonja Shephard, and George Perezvelez.

Absent:   Members Veronica Kincaid.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of June 9, 2025.**

Member Mensinger moved that the Minutes of the Meetings of **June 9, 2025**, be approved. Member Lang seconded the motion, which was carried by a roll call vote.  
Ayes – 7: Members Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Norris, Rodrigues, Shephard, and Perezvelez. Noes – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 1: Member Kincaid.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**3. Public Comment.**

Chairperson Perezvelez called for Public Comments.

Public Comment: No Public Comment was Received.

**4. BPCRB Communications and Board Member Reports Regarding Public Outreach Activities.**

Chairperson Perezvelez and Member Norris presented information regarding BPCRB Communications and Outreach Activities. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: No Public comments was received.

5. **Reporting Out Announcement from BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) Subcommittees.**

Chairperson Perezvelez and Member Lang presented information regarding the various BART Police Citizen Review Board (BPCRB) Subcommittees. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

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

Chief Kevin Franklin presented Chief of Police's Reports, before the Board. The item was discussed.

- a. BART Police Department's Monthly Report(s) for January 2025, February 2025, March 2025, and April 2025.
- b. BART Police Department's Office of Internal Affairs 2023 Annual Report.
- c. BART Police Department's 2024 Impact Report.
- d. Lexipol Policy Updates from the BART Police Department to the BPCRB – June 2025:
  - **Policy 314 Vehicle Pursuits:** Deleted and Replaced with Policy.
  - **Policy 340 Standards of Conduct:** Updated 340.6.1 Bureau Deputy Chief Content.
  - **Policy 421 Crimes Related to Transit Conduct:** Deleted 421.5 and Subsections; BART no Longer Sells or Accepts Paper Tickets at Fare Gates – Effective 11/30/2023.
  - **Policy 802 The Communications Center:** Updated Communications Manager Position and Responsibilities.
  - **Policy 1000 Recruitment and Selection:** Updated language to Align Recruitment Strategies with Executive Order Issued 2025.

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

- a. **Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Monthly Report(s) for May 2025.**

Patrick Caceres, Interim Independent Police Auditor, presented the OIPA Report(s) for May 2025, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: Chief of Police, Kevin Franklin, addressed the Board.

**8. Proposed Amendments to BART Police Civilian Review Board Bylaws: Closed Session – Dissenting Memo (Members Norris, Rodrigues, and Perezvelez).**

Chairperson Perezvelez brought the matter of Proposed Amendments to BART Police Civilian Review Board Bylaws: Closed Session – Dissenting Memo, before the Board. The item was continued to a future BPCRB meeting.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**9. Annual Election of BPCRB Officers.**

Member Perezvelez brought the matter of Election of BPCRB Officers before the BPCRB and opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Member Rodrigues nominated Member Lang for Chair of the BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) for the term 2025-2026. Nominations were closed. Member Rodrigues moved that Member Lang be elected BPCRB Chair for the term 2025-2026. Member Norris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote. Ayes – 7: Members Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Norris, Rodrigues, Shephard, and Perezvelez. Noes – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 1: Member Kincaid. Vacant – 3.

Newly elected BPCRB Chairperson Lang shared comments on the upcoming year.

Member Perezvelez brought the matter of Election of BPCRB Officers before the BPCRB and opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Member Rodrigues nominated Member Norris for Vice-Chair of the BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) for the term 2025-2026.

Member Shephard nominated Member Rodrigues for Vice-Chair of the BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) for the term 2025-2026. Member Rodrigues kindly declined to accept the nomination for Vice-Chair, thus Member Shephard's nomination failed.

Nominations were closed. Member Rodrigues moved that Member Norris be elected BPCRB Vice-Chair for the term 2025-2026. Member Fischer seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote. Ayes – 7: Members Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Norris, Rodrigues, Shephard, and Perezvelez. Noes – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 1: Member Kincaid. Vacant – 3.

Newly elected BPCRB Vice-Chairperson Norris shared comments on the upcoming year.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**10. Participation of BPCRB Member(s) in the 2025 National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Northern California Regional Meeting (August 27-28, 2025, in San Francisco, California).**

Chairperson Perezvelez brought the matter of NACOLE's Northern California Regional Meeting, before the Board. The item was continued to a future BPCRB meeting.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**11. Participation of BPCRB Member(s) in the 2025 Annual National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Conference (October 26-30, 2025, in Minneapolis, Minnesota).**

Chairperson Perezvelez brought the matter of the 2025 NACOLE Annual Conference, before the Board. The item was continued to a future BPCRB meeting.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**12. National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) 2025 Organizational Membership – Disposition of Proxy for Board Meetings.**

Chairperson Perezvelez brought the matter of the NACOLE's 2025 Organizational Membership – Disposition of Proxy for Board Meetings, before the Board. The item was continued to a future BPCRB meeting.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**13. Creation of the BART Police Civilian Review Board - Center for Policing Equity Report (CPE) Ad Hoc Subcommittee, and Selection and Appointment of Members to the Subcommittee.**

Chairperson Perezvelez brought the matter of the Creation of BPCRB - Center for Policing Equity Report (CPE) Ad Hoc Subcommittee, and Selection and Appointment of Members to the Subcommittee, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Chairperson Perezvelez appointed Members Shephard and Perezvelez to the newly created BPCRB - Center for Policing Equity Report (CPE) Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Chairperson Perezvelez moved that the Creation of the BPCRB - Center for Policing Equity Report (CPE) Ad Hoc Subcommittee be approved. Member Shephard seconded the motion, which was carried by a roll call vote.

Ayes – 4: Members Lang, Rodrigues, Shephard, and Perezvelez. Noes – 0. Abstain – 3: Members Fischer, Mensinger, and Norris. Absent – 1: Member Kincaid.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

Chairperson Perezvelez announced that the Board would enter into a closed session under items 14-A, and 14-B. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #24-31 and Case# 24-45 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 6:26 p.m.

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The Meeting reconvened in Closed Session at 7:09 p.m.

**14. Closed Session.**

Members Present in Oakland, CA:

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

Absent:

Member Veronica Kincaid.

- a. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #24-31 (Continued from the June 9, 2025, BPCRB meeting), Govt. Code §54957.**

Chairperson Perezvelez announced that the Board voted to accept the findings in OIPA Case# 24-31. Ayes – 6: Members Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Norris, Rodrigues, and Perezvelez. Noes – 0. Abstain – 1: Member Shephard. Absent – 1: Member Kincaid.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

- b. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #24-45. Govt. Code §54957.**

Patrick Caceres, Interim Independent Police Auditor, stated that Item 14B (Case #24-45) was continued to a future BPCRB meeting.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**15. Adjournment.**

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.