

**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, January 12, 2026**

A regular meeting of the BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) was held on **January 12, 2026**, 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 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.

Member Perezvelez announced that he was attending the Meeting via teleconference under the Just Cause provision of Government Code Section 54953(f). BPCRB Members approved the Just Cause announcement from Member Perezvelez, which was carried by a roll call vote. Ayes – 7: Members Fischer, Lang (Chair), Mensinger, Norris, Perezvelez, Rodrigues, and Shephard (Vice Chairperson). Noes - 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 0.

**1. Call to Order.**

The regular meeting was convened at 4:03 p.m. by Chairperson Dana Lang.

Members Present in Oakland, CA:	Members Torin Fischer, Dana Lang (Chair), Lester Mensinger, Byron Norris, George Perezvelez, Gabriel Rodrigues and Sonja Shephard (Vice Chairperson).
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Absent:	None.
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1b. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of December 8, 2025.**

Vice Chairperson Shephard moved that the Minutes of the Meetings of **December 8, 2025**, be approved, as amended (pronoun correction *she* to *he* on page 1). Member Mensinger seconded the motion, which was carried by a roll call vote. Ayes – 6: Members Fischer, Lang, Perezvelez, Rodrigues, Mensinger, and Shephard. Noes – 1: Member Norris. Abstain – 0. Absent – 0.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**3. Public Comment.**

Chairperson Lang called for Public Comments.

Public Comment: Cephus Johnson and Beatrice Johnson addressed the Board.

**4. BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) Reports (Verbal Reports).**

Chairperson Lang presented information regarding BPCRB Time Management for Open Session/Closed Session Agenda Items and Outreach Activities. All BPCRB Members provided additional remarks. 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: Cephus Johnson and Beatrice Johnson addressed the Board.

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

- a. BART Police Department's Monthly Report(s) for November 2025.

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

Public Comment: Cephus Johnson addressed the Board.

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

- a. OIPA Monthly Report(s) for November 2025.
- b. OIPA's Draft Annual Report Fiscal Year 2025.

Patrick Caceres, Independent Police Investigator, presented the OIPA Report(s) for November 2025 and OIPA's Draft Annual Report Fiscal Year 2025, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: Director Raburn and Cephus Johnson addressed the Board.

**7. BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) Meeting Calendar for 2026.**

Chairperson Lang presented information regarding BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) Meeting Calendar for 2026, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: No Public comments were received.

**8. 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.

Future Agenda Items:

- a. Allocation and Disbursement of BPCRB Funding for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027. (Member Perezvelez Request).
- b. Status Update on BPCRB Training with NACOLE (Member Perezvelez Request).
- c. Restorative Justice Organization – Presentation (Vice Chairperson Shephard’s Request).
- d. BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) Second Quarterly Report (Chair Lang’s Request).

Public Comment: No comments were received.

Chairperson Lang announced that the Board would enter into a closed session under items 9-A, 9-B, 9-C and 9-D. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #25-17, Case #25-33, Case #25-50 and Case #25-53, of the regular meeting agenda, that the Board would reconvene in open session at the conclusion of the closed session.

The Meeting recessed at 5:47 p.m.

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The Meeting reconvened in Closed Session at 5:55 p.m.

**9. Closed Session.**

Members Present in Oakland, CA:

Members Torin Fischer, Dana Lang (Chair),  
Lester. M. Mensinger, Byron Norris  
George Perezvelez, Gabriel Rodrigues,  
and Sonja Shephard (Vice Chairperson).

Absent:

None.

- a. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #25-17. Govt. Code §54957.

Chairperson Lang announced that the Board voted unanimously to accept the findings, as amended, in OIPA Case# 25-17.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

- b. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #25-33. Govt. Code §54957.

Chairperson Lang announced that the Board voted unanimously to accept the findings in OIPA Case# 25-33.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

- c. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #25-50. Govt. Code §54957.

Chairperson Lang announced that the Board voted unanimously to accept the findings in OIPA Case# 25-50.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

- d. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #25-53. Govt. Code §54957.

Chairperson Lang announced that the Board voted unanimously to accept the findings in OIPA Case# 25-53.

## **10. Adjournment.**

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.