

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, September 8, 2025

Members of the BPCRB

George Perezvelez (District 9, BPCRB Representative)

Sonja Shephard (District 2, BPCRB Representative)

Torin Fischer (District 1, BPCRB Representative)

Dana Lang, Chair (District 4, BPCRB Representative)

Byron Norris, Vice-Chair (Public-at-Large Representative)

Lester. M. Mensinger (District 6, BPCRB Representative)

Gabriel Rodrigues, (BPMA/BPOA/Union Representation, BPCRB Representative)

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A regular meeting of the BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) was held on **September 8, 2025**, convening at 4:06 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 4:06 p.m. by Chairperson Dana Lang.

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

Absent: Member Gabriel Rodrigues.

1b. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1c. Chair Lang Introduced Newly Appointed Independent Police Auditor Inez Gonzales.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of August 11, 2025.

Vice Chairperson Norris moved that the Minutes of the Meetings of **August 11, 2025**, be approved, as amended. Member Fischer seconded the motion, which was carried by a roll call vote.

Ayes – 6: Members Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Norris, Perezvelez, 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: Aleta Dupree addressed the Board.

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

Chairperson Lang presented information regarding BPCRB Communications and Outreach Activities. 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 was received.

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

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

- a. BART Police Department's Monthly Report(s) for July 2025.
- b. (Continued from the August 11, 2025, BPCRB meeting) Be the Change Consulting (BTC).
- c. Lexipol Policy Updates from the BART Police Department to the BPCRB – August 2025:
 - i. Policy 1027 Senior Officer Progression and Master Officer Program – Update Language to Reflect BART Police Officers' Association (BPOA) Contract.

Public Comment: Aleta Dupree addressed the Board.

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

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

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

Public Comment: Aleta Dupree addressed the Board.

7. Proposed Amendments to BPCRB Bylaws: Closed Session – Dissenting Memo (Members Norris, Rodrigues, and Perezvelez).

Vice - Chairperson Norris presented information regarding

- a. Proposed Amendment to BPCRB Bylaws: Closed Session – Dissenting Memo (Members Norris and Rodrigues).
- b. Proposed Amendment to BPCRB Bylaws: Closed Session – Dissenting Memo (Member Perezvelez).

The item was discussed.

Vice Chairperson Norris moved that the (a.) Proposed Amendment to BPCRB Bylaws: Closed Session – Dissenting Memo (Members Norris and Rodrigues), be approved. Member Perezvelez seconded the motion, which was carried by a roll call vote.

Ayes – 6: Members Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Norris, Perezvelez, and Shephard. Noes – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 1: Member Rodrigues.

Public Comment: Aleta Dupree addressed the Board.

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. Discussion on the BART Police Department’s Progressive Policing and Community Engagement Bureau (PPCEB) regarding Housing Opportunities for the Winter Months (Member Mensinger’s Request).
- b. Review of Status of BPCRB Subcommittees (Vice Chair Norris’ Request).
- c. Status Update on the 2025 BPCRB Recruitment (Verbal Report Only). (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, and 9-B was continued to a future BPCRB meeting. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #24-25 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 5:52 p.m.

The Meeting reconvened in Closed Session at 5:57 p.m.

9. Closed Session.

Members Present in Oakland, CA:

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

Absent:

Member George Gabriel Rodrigues.

a. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #24-46, Govt. Code §54957.

Chairperson Lang announced that the Board voted to accept the findings in OIPA Case# 24-46 for Officer Number 2 and Number 3.

Chairperson Lang announced that the Board voted to accept the findings in OIPA Case# 24-46 for Officer Number 1 (Allegations #2 and #3).

Chairperson Lang announced that the Board voted for OIPA Case #24-46, the BPCRB bifurcated the votes and Vice Chair Norris voted no on Allegation #1 for Officer Number 1.

Ayes – 5: Members Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Perezvelez, and Shephard.

Noes – 1: Member Norris. Abstain – 0. Absent – 1: Member Rodrigues.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

Please note more further clarification of the BPCRB Member votes:

Officers 2 & 3: the BPCRB voted to accept all the findings of OIPA with Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Norris, Perezvelez & Shephard all voting yes.

Officer 1 – allegations 2&3 – the BPCRB voted to accept the findings of OIPA with Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Norris, Perezvelez & Shephard all voting yes.

Officer 1 – allegation 1 – the BPCRB voted to accept the findings of OIPA with Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Perezvelez & Norris all voting yes and Norris voting No.

b. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case #25-03. Govt. Code §54957.

Chairperson Lang announced that Case #25-03 was continued to a future BPCRB meeting, and not discussed during Closed Session.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

10. Adjournment.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.