

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT**  
2150 Webster Street, P.O. Box 12688, Oakland, CA 94604-2688  
**BART Police Citizen Review Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, December 9, 2024**

A regular meeting of the BART Police Citizen Review Board (BPCRB) was held on **December 9, 2024**, convening at 4:09 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 4:09 p.m. by Chairperson George Perezvelez.

- 1a. Introduction of New BART Police Citizen Review Board Members:  
Nichin Sreekantaswamy (District 5) and Veronica Kincaid (District 7) and Oaths of Office.

Newly appointed BPCRB Members Nichin Sreekantaswamy (District 5) and Veronica Kincaid (District 7) were newly sworn in by April Quintanilla, District Secretary, and each new member provided remarks.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

Members Present in Oakland, CA:

Members Torin Fischer, Veronica Kincaid  
Dana Lang, Lester. M. Mensinger,  
Gabriel Rodrigues, Sonja Shephard,  
Nichin Sreekantaswamy, William White, and  
George Perezvelez.

Member Present in Tarrytown, NY:

Member William White (via Teleconference).

Absent:

Member David Rizk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the Meetings of October 21, 2024, and November 4, 2024.**

Member Mensinger moved that the Minutes of the Meetings of **October 21, 2024**, be approved. Member Lang seconded the motion, which was carried by a roll call vote.  
Ayes – 7: Members Fischer, Lang, Mensinger, Rodrigues, Shephard, White, and Perezvelez.  
Noes – 0. Abstain – 2: Members Kincaid and Sreekantaswamy. Absent – 1: Member Rizk.  
Vacant – 1.

Member Shephard moved that the Minutes of the Meetings of **November 4, 2024**, be approved. Member Mensinger seconded the motion, which was carried by a roll call vote. Ayes – 9: Members Fischer, Kincaid, Lang, Mensinger, Rodrigues, Shephard, Sreekantaswamy, White, and Perezvelez. Noes – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 1: Member Rizk. Vacant – 1.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

3. **Public Comment.**

Chairperson Perezvelez called for Public Comments. No Comments were received.

4. **The Office of the Independent Police Auditor’s (OIPA) Notification to the Chair of the BPCRB and BPCRB of a Critical Incident Involving a BART Police Officer on November 19, 2024. (Chair Perezvelez’s Request).**

Chairperson Perezvelez presented information regarding the Office of the Independent Police Auditor’s (OIPA) Notification to the Chair of the BPCRB and BPCRB of a Critical Incident Involving a BART Police Officer on November 19, 2024, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Russell Bloom, Independent Police Auditor, addressed the Board.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

5. **Reporting Out Announcement from BART Police Citizen 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. **Creation of BART Police Citizen Review Board - Quarterly and Yearly Reports Ad hoc Subcommittee, and Selection and Appointment of Members to the Subcommittee (Chair Perezvelez’s Request).**

Chairperson Perezvelez presented the Creation of BART Police Citizen Review Board - Quarterly and Yearly Reports Ad hoc Subcommittee, and Selection and Appointment of Members to the Subcommittee, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

7. **Draft of the Third Quarterly BART Police Citizen Review Board (BPCRB) Report for the Board of Directors (Chair Perezvelez’s Request).**

Chairperson Perezvelez presented the Draft Third Quarterly BART Police Citizen Review Board (BPCRB) Report for the Board of Directors, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**Motion to Extend the Meeting Timeframe:**

Vice Chairperson Shephard moved to Extend the BPCRB Meeting Timeframe, be approved. Member Lang seconded the motion, which was carried by a roll call vote. Ayes – 9: Members Fischer, Kincaid, Lang, Mensinger, Rodrigues, Shephard, Sreekantaswamy, White, and Perezvelez. Noes – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 1: Member Rizk. Vacant – 1.

**Motion to Extend the Meeting Timeframe:**

Member Mensinger moved that the Extend the BPCRB Meeting Timeframe, be approved. Member Lang seconded the motion, which was carried by a roll call vote. Ayes – 9: Members Fischer, Kincaid, Lang, Mensinger, Rodrigues, Shephard, Sreekantaswamy, White, and Perezvelez. Noes – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 1: Member Rizk. Vacant – 1.

**8. Status Update on the 2024 BART Citizen Oversight Model (Chair Perezvelez’s Request) (Verbal Report Only).**

Chairperson Perezvelez presented the Status Update on the 2024 BART Citizen Oversight Model, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**9. 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 and continued the item to a future BPCRB meeting.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**10. Independent Police Auditor’s (OIPA) Report(s) (Verbal Report Only).**

**a. OIPA Report-Back on Mediation Item.**

Russell Bloom, Independent Police Auditor, presented the OIPA Monthly Report (Verbal Report Only) and stated that the future report(s) will be continued to the next BPCRB meeting. Mr. Bloom also discussed OIPA Report-Back on Mediation Item, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**11. Chief of Police’s Report(s).**

**a. BART Police Department’s Monthly Report(s) for September 2024 and October 2024.**

**b. Progressive Policing and Community Engagement Bureau - Crisis Intervention Training.**

**c. Lexipol Policy Updates from the BART Police Department to the BPCRB**

– **November 2024:**

- i. **Lexipol Policy 1000: Recruitment and Selection Updated to Accept the Department of Justice Accreditation Standards and Accepted Content to Include a Review of The National Decertification Index.**

Chief Kevin Franklin presented the BART Police Department’s Monthly Report(s) for September 2024 and October 2024, Progressive Policing and Community Engagement Bureau - Crisis Intervention Training; and Lexipol Policy 1000, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**12. Crisis Intervention Training – Training Materials.**

Chairperson Perezvelez brought the matter Crisis Intervention Training, before the Board.

Item 12, was not heard or acted upon.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**13. BART Police Citizen Review Board (BPCRB) Meeting Calendar for 2025.**

Chairperson Perezvelez brought the matter BART Police Citizen Review Board (BPCRB) Meeting Calendar for 2025, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Mag Tatum, Senior Board Analyst, District Secretary’s office, addressed the Board.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**14. Update on In-Person BPCRB Attendance and Absence Tracking.**

Chairperson Perezvelez brought the matter Update on In-Person BPCRB Attendance and Absence Tracking, before the Board. The item was discussed.

Mag Tatum, Senior Board Analyst, District Secretary’s office, addressed the Board.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

Chairperson Perezvelez announced that the Board would enter into a closed session under item 15-A, Update on Appeal of Case 24-17 per Chapter 1-04, section (B) (iv) of the BART Citizen Oversight Model (Amended 7/12/2018) 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 6:37p.m.

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The Meeting reconvened in Closed Session at 7:32 p.m.

**15. Closed Session.**

- a. To Consider an Update on Appeal of Case 24-17 per Chapter 1-04, section (B) (iv) of the BART Citizen Oversight Model (Amended 7/12/2018). Govt. Code §54957.

Members Present in Oakland, CA:

Members Torin Fischer, Veronica Kincaid  
Dana Lang, Lester. M. Mensinger,  
Gabriel Rodrigues, Sonja Shephard,  
Nichin Sreekantaswamy, William White, and  
George Perezvelez.

Member Present in Tarrytown, NY:

Member William White (via Teleconference).

Absent:

Member David Rizk.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**16. Open Session.**

The Meeting reconvened into an Open Session at 7:32 p.m.

Chair Perezvelez announced that the Board had concluded its Closed Session and that there were no announcements to be made.

Public Comment: No comments were received.

**17. Adjournment.**

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.