

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Memorandum

TO: Board of Directors

DATE: June 6, 2025

FROM: Interim District Secretary

SUBJECT: Appointment of Transit Security Advisory Committee Members

The Transit Security Advisory Committee (TSAC) is a volunteer committee appointed by the BART Board of Directors to evaluate the procedures, training, and enforcement of the issuance of prohibition orders in the BART system. The committee is composed of up to seven members and up to two alternates. At the Board's request, the District Secretary's Office (DSO) facilitates the recruitment administration for TSAC membership. The current TSAC representation, as well as term expiration dates, are outlined in the chart below.

TSAC Seat	Member	Term Expiration Date
1. At-Large Representative	Omar Farmer	June 30, 2026
2. At-Large Representative	Oleksii Chuiko*	June 30, 2025
3. At-Large Representative	Gloria Garmon*	June 30, 2025
4. At-Large Representative	Vacant	
5. Law Enforcement Representative	Vacant	
6. Mental Health Representative	Julia Owens*	June 30, 2025
7. Youth Advocates Representative	Armando Sandoval*	June 30, 2025
8. Alternate - Youth Advocate Representative	Kishan Naik	June 30, 2026
9. Alternate - Representative for Any Category, (except Youth Advocate Representative, as it is filled)	Vacant	

*Not seeking reappointment.

After June 30, 2025, the following TSAC seats will be vacant, unless the Board appoints any of the candidates applying for membership:

- At-Large Representative (3 vacancies)
- Law Enforcement Representative (1 vacancy)
- Mental Health Representative (1 vacancy)
- Youth Advocates Representative (1 vacancy)
- Alternate Representative for Any Category, except Youth Advocates Representative (1 vacancy)

To recruit new members, BART released a news article on April 3, 2025 (<https://www.bart.gov/news/articles/2025/news20250403>) on BART.gov, as well as on BART social media accounts. Additionally, announcements of the recruitment were posted on the advisory committee webpage (<https://www.bart.gov/about/bod/advisory/tsac>) and flyers were sent out weekly to BART distribution lists. Committee members also used their personal networks to assist with the recruitment.

The DSO received applications (attached) from four (4) candidates and these candidates will be presented to the BART Board of Directors for consideration of appointment at the June 12, 2025 Board meeting. The candidates and the categories for which they are applying are outlined below:

Candidate	At-Large	Youth Advocate	Mental Health	Alternate
Ainsel Fallon	X			
Anya Gupta	X	X	X	X
Steven Robinson	X			
Vivek Sharma	X	X		X

Based on the current vacancies, the Board may appoint a total of three (3) At-Large Representatives, one (1) Mental Health Representative, one (1) Youth Advocates Representative, and one (1) Alternate Representative (for Any Category except Youth Advocates Representative.)

The terms of service for all newly appointed members shall be for two (2) years. If appointed by the Board at its June 12, 2025 Board meeting, all newly appointed members will be officially installed as members of the TSAC beginning on July 1, 2025 for a term of two (2) years, expiring on June 30, 2027.

During the Board Meeting, any Board Member may make a motion to appoint any of the candidates to the eligible seats. Individual motions or a collective motion may be made with respect to each eligible seat. It is recommended that the Board follow this process, rather than rank-choice voting.

Excerpts highlighting relevant passages relating to the recruitment of new members from the TSAC By-Laws are at the end of this memo.

A draft motion is provided below for the Board's review and consideration:

DRAFT MOTION:

The Board of Directors appoints the following individuals to the Transit Security Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years, beginning on July 1, 2025, and expiring on June 30, 2027:

Possible options

[Candidate's Name], At-Large Representative (3 seats vacant)

[Candidate's Name], Mental Health Representative (1 seat vacant)

[Candidate's Name], Youth Advocates Representative (1 seat vacant)

[Candidate's Name], Alternate - [Mental Health or At-Large] Representative (1 seat vacant)

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Bob Franklin, Interim District Secretary

cc: Board Appointed Officers
Deputy General Manager
Executive Staff

Transit Security Advisory Committee Appointment Information

- A. When appointing or reappointing nominees to the TSAC, the Board may consider the following requirements outlined in the TSAC by-laws:

“Qualifications for the Public-at-Large Representatives: There shall be four (4) or five (5) at-large Representatives, preferably users of the BART system, including those who have been impacted by prohibition orders, or those who have lived experience with housing instability. Alternates are not eligible to vote unless filling in for an appointed member that is absent. An alternate is designated by the TSAC Chairperson. Staff will notify TSAC alternates that attendance will be needed for the next meeting.”

- B. Additional Advisory Committee Requirements

The advisory committee members and alternates are appointed by the Board. At least one of the committee members must have experience working with individuals with psychiatric or other disabilities, one committee member must have experience as a youth advocate, and one committee member must have law enforcement experience as a sworn peace officer. **Two total alternates** shall be appointed by the Board with no more than **one alternate per category**. All alternates are strongly encouraged to attend all meetings. Alternates are not eligible to vote unless filling in for an appointed member that is absent. An alternate is designated by the TSAC Chairperson. Staff will notify TSAC alternates that attendance will be needed for the next meeting.

The advisory committee reports directly to the Board. Meetings are generally held once per month, and service on the TSAC is voluntary. Volunteer members of this committee will:

1. Provide recommendations regarding the type and extent of training that should be undertaken by individuals with responsibility for issuance and enforcement of prohibition orders, with particular emphasis on training designed to assist those individuals in identifying and interacting with persons who are homeless or who have psychiatric or other disabilities.
2. Identify services and programs to which persons who are homeless or who have psychiatric, developmental, or other disabilities may be referred by transit district enforcement personnel prior to or in conjunction with issuance of a prohibition order.
3. Review appeals to prohibition orders.
4. Compile an annual report to be submitted to the State Legislature.
5. Participate in community outreach.

All TSAC members must be fair-minded and objective with a demonstrated commitment to community service. Appointees to the TSAC are subject to a background check and committee members must not have any felony convictions. Members serving on the TSAC are not required to be U.S. citizens.