

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, September 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the BART Police Citizen Review Board (BPCRB) was held Monday, September 11, 2023, convening at 4:06 p.m. in the following locations: BART Board Room, 2150 Webster Street, 1st Floor, Oakland, California 94612; and the Berkeley Public Library West Branch, 1125 University Avenue Berkeley, CA 94702, and the SharkEye Tech, 832 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson George Perezvelez; 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 4:06 p.m. by Chairperson George Perezvelez.

Members Present in Oakland, CA: Members Erin Armstrong, Dana Lang,
Gabriel Rodrigues, Sonja Shephard,
William White and George Perezvelez.

Member Present in Berkeley, CA: Member Todd Davis (via Teleconference).

Member Present in Martinez, CA: Member Pedro Babiak (via Teleconference).

Absent: Member David Rizk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Member Dana Lang entered the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of August 14, 2023.

Chair Perezvelez moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of August 14, 2023, be approved as amended. Vice Chair Lang seconded the motion, which was carried by a roll call vote. Ayes – 7: Members Armstrong, Babiak, Lang, Rodrigues, Shephard, White and Perezvelez. Noes – 0. Abstain – 1: Member Davis. Absent – 1: Member Rizk. Vacant – 2.

3. Discussion of BART Police Citizen Review Board's (BPCRB) Participation in BART's New Chief of Police Selection Process.

Chair Perezvelez presented information regarding BPCRB Participation in BART's New Chief of Police Selection Process. The information was discussed.

Alaric Degrafinried, Assistant General Manager of Administration, answered member questions and addressed the Board.

4. **Reporting Out Announcement from BART Police Citizen Review Board (BPCRB) Subcommittees.**

Chair Perezvelez and Vice Chair Lang presented information for various BART Police Citizen Review Board (BPCRB) Subcommittees. The item was discussed.

5. **Selection and Appointment of New Members to the Public Outreach Standing Committee.**

Vice Chair Lang presented information regarding the Public Outreach Standing Committee. Chair Perezvelez appointed Member Sonja Shephard to the Public Outreach Standing Committee. Member Shephard provided remarks.

6. **Review of Draft BPCRB - Public Outreach Standing Committee Event Schedule and Calendar for 2023 (Vice Chairperson Dana Lang's Request).**

Vice Chair Lang presented information regarding the Draft BPCRB - Public Outreach Standing Committee Event Schedule and Calendar for 2023. Members Armstrong, Lang, Perezvelez, and Shephard selected various events to participate in and attend.

Director Robert Raburn addressed the Board.

7. **Chief of Police's Reports.**

- a. BART Police Department's Monthly Report(s) for June 2023.
- b. Overview of the Strategic Response Team (Bulletin No. 23-172).
- c. Office of External Affairs Update on Senate Select Committee Hearing on Bay Area Public Transit (Verbal Report Only).

Deputy Police Chief Ja'Son Scott and Interim Deputy Police Chief Christopher Vogan presented the BART Police Department's Monthly Reports for June 2023, Overview of the Strategic Response Team (Bulletin No. 23-172), and Office of External Affairs Update on Senate Select Committee Hearing on Bay Area Public Transit (Verbal Report Only). The reports were discussed.

8. **Independent Police Auditor's (OIPA) Report.**

- a. Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Monthly Report(s) for July 2023.

Russell Bloom, Independent Police Auditor, presented OIPA Monthly Report(s) for July 2023. The reports were discussed.

9. **Public Comment.**

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

Chairperson Perezvelez announced that the Board would enter into a closed session under Item 10-A (Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in OIPA Case #22-36 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 5:57 p.m.

The Meeting reconvened in Closed Session at 6:05 p.m.

10. Closed Session.

- a. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Case(s) #22-36. Govt. Code §54957.

Members Present in Oakland, CA: Members Erin Armstrong, Dana Lang, Gabriel Rodrigues, Sonja Shephard, William White and George Perezvelez.

Member Present in Berkeley, CA: Member Todd Davis (via Teleconference).

Member Present in Martinez, CA: Member Pedro Babiak (via Teleconference).

Absent: Member David Rizk.

11. Open Session.

The Meeting reconvened in Open Session at 6:57 p.m.

Chairperson Perezvelez announced that the Board voted to accept the findings in OIPA Case #22-36; and Members Rodrigues and Davis voted to not accept the findings.

12. Adjournment.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.