

Date: February 22, 2026
To: BART Board of Directors
From: BART Police Civilian Review Board
Dana Lang, Chairperson

Subject: Second Quarterly Report to Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Reporting

The BART's Civilian Oversight Model requires quarterly reports on its activities and accomplishments for distribution to the BART Board of Directors and the Public. This report pertains to the BART Police Civilian Review Board's activities for the 2nd quarter of Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

The BART Police Civilian Review Board is made up of civilians, primarily appointed by BART Board Directors, whose purpose is to increase the public's confidence in the BART's police force by ensuring that the community has a say in BART Police policies, procedures and practices. BPCRB members meet the second Monday of each month to review and discuss BART Police activities with the Chief of Police and the Public, and to review investigations and allegations of police misconduct presented by BART's Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) during closed session. The BPCRB recommends policies and appropriate actions to improve enforcement and public safety outcomes.

BART Police Civilian Review Board Members:

Toren Fischer	District 1
Sonja Shephard (Vice Chair)	District 2
Eliana Machefsky	District 3
Dana Lang (Chair)	District 4
Vacant	District 5
Lester M. Mensinger	District 6
Jennifer Rakowski	District 7
Vacant	District 8
George Perezvelez	District 9
Vacant	Public-At-Large
Gabriel Rodriques	BART Police Officers and Managers Associations

Board Vacancies

The BPCRB has had several vacancies due to recent turnover and retirements. There were four openings on the BPCRB's eleven member board during the 1st and 2nd quarter. The District

Secretary's Office conducted outreach and recruitment through September 30, 2025 for appointments in Districts 3, 5, 7 and 8. The BART Board Directors representing Districts 5,8, and Public at Large will select a representatives from the applicant pool who will begin their terms during the third quarter of FY 2026-2027.

BPCRB Activities – Receiving complaints, reviewing investigative reports and videos, and making recommendations for corrective action.

The Independent Police Auditor received complaints which were investigated during this 2nd quarter of FY 2025-2026. The following cases and all investigative materials were presented to the BPCRB for review and discussed during its closed session meetings:

- October 2025 – OIPA Cases #24-03 & #25-50
- November 2025 – OIPA Cases #24-28 & #25-13. Appeal Cases 24-45 and 24-46
- December 2025 – OIPA Case #25-16, Case # 25-20 and Case # 25-30

For the **October 2025** cases the BPCRB voted to accept the findings in OIPA Case# 24-50, with Member Shephard voting No. The Board also unanimously voted to accept the findings in OIPA Case# 25-03.

For the **November 2025** cases the BPCRB voted accept the findings in OIPA Cases #24-28 & #25-13. The Board also received updates on Appeals of Cases 24-45 and 24-46.

For the **December 2025** Cases the Board unanimously voted to accept the findings in OIPA Case #25-16, Case # 25-20 and Case # 25-30.

Outreach and Events

During October 2025, two members of the BPCRB attended the NACOLE (National Association of Civilian Oversight in Law Enforcement) Conference, entitled “Police Oversight 5 Years After the Killing of George Floyd,” in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This conference was attended by BPCRB Chair, Dana Lang, and BPCRB Member George Perezvelez. During this conference Mr. Perezvelez was elected to serve as NACOLE’s National Vice President.

Consultant Assistance

The BPCRB consultant was engaged to assist with administrative issues and outreach materials. This quarter the consultant drafted a brochure that will enable BPCRB members to better engage with the public at community outreach events.

Public Comment

Public comment was received in person and via zoom attendance during all regular meetings of the BPCRB. Topics covered included commentary on the Chief of Police monthly report, Use of Force Policy, proposed BPCRB/OIPA Bylaw changes, community outreach and Lexipol changes.