

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

DATE: January 16, 2026

FROM: District Secretary

SUBJECT: Appointment of BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) Member – District 7

Staff is seeking authorization to appoint a member to the BPCRB advisory committee from District 7. As a reminder, the mission of the BPCRB is to increase the public's confidence in BART's policing services by doing the following:

- Reviewing, recommending and monitoring the implementation of changes to police policies, procedures, and practices.
- Receiving citizen allegations of on-duty police misconduct.
- Advising Board of Directors, General Manager, Independent Police Auditor, and Police Chief.
- Participating in recommending appropriate disciplinary action.
- Meeting periodically with representatives of the BART Police associations.
- Participating in community outreach.

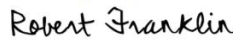
In the governing document for the committee, Chapter 2-05 of the *San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District Civilian Oversight Model* states that vacancies in a seat representing one of the nine BART Districts shall be recommended by that Director to the full BART Board for consideration for the unexpired portion of the term. District 7 Director Flores is recommending Jennifer Rakowski to fill the vacancy that currently exists for the District 7 seat. Information about Jennifer Rakowski is attached to this memorandum.

If ratified, Jennifer Rakowski would be appointed to complete the current term of service for this seat, which expires on June 30, 2026. After that, she would be eligible for reappointment by the Board for a full two-year term.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

DRAFT MOTION:

The Board of Directors appoints Jennifer Rakowski as the District 7 representative on the BART Police Civilian Review Board for the current term expiring on June 30, 2026.

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Bob Franklin
District Secretary



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BART POLICE CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD

The BART Board of Directors established the BART Police Citizen Review Board (BPCRB) to increase visibility for the public into the delivery of BART Police services, to provide community participation in the review and establishment of BART Police Department policies, procedures, practices and initiatives, and to receive citizen complaints and allegations of misconduct by BART Police Department (BPD) employees. The BPCRB is an advisory committee that reports to the BART Board of Directors. Meetings are generally held once per month, and service on the BPCRB is voluntary.

BPCRB Committee Public Member Requirements

As a volunteer member of this board you will:

- Receive citizen allegations of on-duty police misconduct
- Participate in recommending appropriate disciplinary action
- Advise Board of Directors, Independent Police Auditor and Police Chief
- Review, recommend and monitor implementation of changes to police policies, procedures & practices
- Meet periodically with representatives of the BART Police associations
- Participate in community outreach
- **Terms of Service:** All appointments or re-appointments to the BART Police Citizen Review Board shall be for two-year terms.

All BPCRB members must reside in one of the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, or San Mateo. BPCRB members must be fair-minded and objective with a demonstrated commitment to community service. No person currently employed in a law enforcement capacity, either sworn or non-sworn, shall be eligible for appointment to the BPCRB. No current or former or relative of BART Police Department personnel may serve on the BPCRB. Appointees to the BPCRB are subject to a background check and must not have any felony convictions. Members serving on the BPCRB are not required to be U.S. citizens.

The BPCRB Committee is a legislative body for the purposes of the Brown Act. Accordingly, committee meetings are open public meetings subject to the noticing and meeting requirements under this law except in those proceedings where a closed session may be appropriate and required.

It is important that you complete all parts of the application. If your application is incomplete or does not clearly show the experience and/or training required, your application may not be accepted.

The application process will include two phases:
PHASE 1 – Application and Recommendation Review
<i>All applications will be reviewed for all Membership Representation requirements and qualifications, letters of recommendation, resume, and any supplemental documents.</i>
PHASE 2 – BART Board of Directors Appointment
<i>Selected candidates will be invited to appear before the Board of Directors to briefly explain their interest in serving on the committee, followed by a Board vote.</i>

Personal Information

First Name: Jennifer Last Name: Rakowski

Home/Mailing Address: [REDACTED] City: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Daytime Phone: [REDACTED] Alternate Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Occupation/Profession: Rent Board Supervisor City And County of San Francisco

General Information/Qualifications

In what county do you reside? Alameda

Are you currently employed in a law enforcement capacity, either sworn or non-sworn?
 ___ Yes X No

Are you a current or former BPD employee? ___ Yes X No

Are you a relative¹ of a current or former BPD employee? ___ Yes X No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ___ Yes X No

References: Please provide the names and contact information of three (3) references who are qualified to discuss your candidacy for service on the BPCRB:

Name: Beth Kennedy

Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Name: Melody Montgomery

Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Name: Ryan LaLonde

Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

List any organizations or groups that you belong to or are involved with that you believe bear relevance to your candidacy for service on the BPCRB:

Association of Public Policy Analysis and Managers

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Relatives include spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, brother, sister, grandparent, step-parent, step-child, legal guardian, father-in-law and mother-in-law.

Briefly explain your interest in serving on the BPCRB:

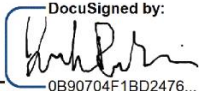
I have a strong interest in serving on BPCRB. As a current resident of Alameda and 30 plus year resident of the Bay Area, much of that time as a non-driving resident, BART has been an integral part of how I thrive in this community. I have experiences with police interactions, police oversight and non-police mental health responses. I have been a Dr Beatriz Maria Solis Policy Institute Fellow with the California Women's Foundation. These experiences along with listening to the experience of other community members have given me a strong commitment to fair, thorough, in-biased oversight.

What qualifications/assets do you have that make you a strong candidate for service on the BPCRB? Please feel free to attach a resume or an additional page.

I was a member of the Alameda Police Reform and Racial Equity subcommittee on Accountability and Oversight. I have a Masters in Public Administration and extensive experience in the areas of mental health and violence prevention. I have served as a civilian reviewer in Q-2 police officer oral board interviews. I was a board member of the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs. .

I am employed by the City and County of San Francisco and work in the area of landlord tenant law. My passion in public service has always been on how to make a meaningful impact on people's everyday lives.



Signature of Applicant:  Date: 9/14/2025

Return this form to the District Secretary's Office:
Drop Off/In-Person: 2150 Webster Street, 10th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612

U.S. Mail: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District
c/o District Secretary's Office
P.O. Box 12688, Oakland, CA 94604-2688

Email: CitizenReviewBoard@bart.gov
Call (510) 464-6083 with any questions.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the BART Police Citizen Review Board.

Masters in Public Administration
California State East Bay

Bachelors of Arts in American Political
Thought:Social Relations
Michigan State University

Experience

Alameda Police Reform and Racial Equity
subcommittee on Police Department
Accountability and Oversight

San Francisco Human Rights Commission LGBT
Advisory Committee

Dr Beatriz Maria Solis Policy Institute Fellow
California Women's Foundation

National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs
Board Member

San Francisco Human Rights Commission LGBT
Advisory Committee

California LGBT Domestic Violence Roundtable
Planning Committee

Community United Against Violence
Associate Director- Hate Violence and Domestic
Violence
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