

# SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Directors

**DATE:** June 19, 2026

**FROM:** Bob Franklin, District Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of BART Police Civilian Review Board Members

At the BART Board meeting on June 25, 2026 under consent calendar item 3.C the BART Board will consider making reappointments for BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB) members whose terms are set to expire and making an appointment of a member to a vacant seat.

In order to ensure consistent committee membership, the two-year term end dates are staggered by District, with terms for odd numbered Districts ending on June 30, 2028 and terms for even numbers Districts ending on June 30, 2027. Since there is a vacancy mid-term in an even numbered District (District 8), that appointment has a different end of term date than the odd numbered Districts. The proposed appointments are in the following table:

<b>Proposed Candidate</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Director recommending member</b>	<b>Current Term Expiration Date</b>	<b>New Term End Date</b>
Torin Fisher	1	Director Rinn	June 30, 2026	June 30, 2028
Eliana Machefsky	3	Director Ghosh	June 30, 2026	June 30, 2028
Jennifer Rakowski	7	Director Flores	June 30, 2026	June 30, 2028
Elijah Mercer*	8	Director Li	Vacant seat	June 30, 2027
George Perezvelez	9	Vice President Wright	June 30, 2026	June 30, 2028

\*: application attached.

Chapters 2-02 and 2-03 of the BART Civilian Oversight Model (Model: [BART Civilian Oversight Model - Revised 12.05.24 - Final.pdf](#)) govern the appointment for BPCRB membership.

All proposed members have indicated a willingness to serve, have been recommended by their District Director, and have met the following minimum qualifications:

- A. Members of the BART Police Civilian Review Board must reside within Alameda, San Francisco, Contra Costa, or San Mateo County.
- B. BPCRB members shall agree to adhere to the Code of Ethics described in Chapter 2-10.
- C. BPCRB members must be fair-minded and objective with a demonstrated commitment to community service.
- D. No person currently employed in a law enforcement capacity, either sworn or non-sworn, shall be eligible for appointment to the BPCRB.
- E. No current or former BPD employee shall serve on the BPCRB, and no relative of any current or former BPD employee shall serve on the BPCRB.
- F. All appointees to the BPCRB shall be subject to background checks.
- G. No person convicted of a felony shall serve on the BPCRB. Relatives include spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, brother, sister, grandparent, step-parent, step-child, legal guardian, father-in-law and mother-in-law.
- H. Members serving on the BPCRB are not required to be U.S. citizens.

Membership for the District 5 and the Public At-Large seats currently have vacancies, with recommendations to the Board coming at a subsequent Board meeting.

The BART Police Associations' Representative seat also has been recently vacated. The Presidents of the BART Police Officers' Association and the BART Police Managers' Association will also be recommending a candidate for consideration by the Board at a future Board meeting.

A draft motion is provided below and, if adopted by the Board, the appointment of BPCRB Representatives for Districts 1, 3, 7, 8 and 9 will be ratified.

Please contact Mag Tatum at (510) 464-6089 or [mtatum@bart.gov](mailto:mtatum@bart.gov) or me at (510) 464-6080 or [bfrankl@bart.gov](mailto:bfrankl@bart.gov) if you have any questions about this matter. Thank you.

**DRAFT MOTION:**

That the Board of Directors ratifies the reappointment of the following members for 2-year terms, beginning on July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2028:

- Torin Fisher, District 1
- Eliana Machefsky, District 3
- Jennifer Rakowski, District 7
- George Perezvelez, District 9;

and ratifies the appointment of the following member for a term ending June 30, 2027:

- Elijah Mercer, District 8.