



# APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE TRANSIT SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Final Filing Date – Applications are due by Tuesday, June 12, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. (PST)**

The Transit Security Advisory Committee (TSAC) for the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) is the citizen and community oversight committee that works to ensure Assembly Bill 716 (Dickinson) is implemented as the Legislature intended. The Legislature further adopted AB 730 (Quirk) that repealed the sunset provision of law, making the law permanent. See attachment: “Prohibition Policy to Protect Riders and Employees” for further details on the law.

The oversight group, comprised of at least five citizens, and no greater than seven citizens, serves as a volunteer review body for the implementation of BART’s prohibition policy. Drawing from their private and public sector experiences, the committee brings a diverse set of skills to the review and execution of the prohibition policy.

The TSAC is dedicated to finding solutions to problems which impact the safety of BART, its riders and employees. Along with other public safety initiatives, the District will continue to work to address passenger misconduct through the BART prohibition policy allowed by AB 716 and report results to the State Legislature on an annual basis.

## **TSAC Committee Member Requirements**

The advisory committee members and alternates are appointed by the BART Board of Directors. At least one of the committee members must have experience working with individuals with psychiatric or other disabilities, one must have experience as a youth advocate, and at least one advisory committee member must have law enforcement experience as a sworn peace officer.

The advisory committee reports directly to the BART Board of Directors. Meetings are generally held once per month, and service on the TSAC is voluntary. As a volunteer member of this committee you 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 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 the State Legislature.
- 5) Participate in community outreach.

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

The TSAC 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**

*All applications will be reviewed for all Membership Representation requirements and qualifications, letters of recommendation, and any supplemental documents.*

**PHASE 2 – BART Board of Directors Appointment**

*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.*

**Tentative Board Meeting Date(s):** Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (PST).  
Please note Board Meeting start times may vary.

**I. Personal Information**

*Please consider my application for the following representation(s) on the TSAC:*

<p>Select a Representation: Check the Box</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health/Disabilities: Must possess experience working with individuals with psychiatric, developmental, or other disabilities.  <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Advocate: Must possess experience as a youth advocate within the region of the BART system.  <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement Must possess experience as a sworn peace officer within the region of the BART system.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public at Large Preferably users of the BART system.  <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
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<b>First, Last Name:</b>	Omar Farmer	<b>Home/Mailing Address:</b>	██████████
<b>City &amp; Zip:</b>	Oakland ██████████	<b>County:</b>	Alameda
<b>Main Phone:</b>	██████████	<b>Alternate Phone:</b>	( ) -
<b>Email Address:</b>	██████████	<b>Occupation:</b>	Self Employed / Entrepreneur

II. **Recommendation Contact Information** (must provide **two** recommendations)

Please provide the contact information for the individuals recommending your appointment and attach their letters of recommendation to this application.

<b>First Name:</b>	Shikira	<b>Last Name:</b>	Porter
<b>Mailing Address</b>	/	<b>City &amp; Zip:</b>	██████
<b>Phone:</b>	██████   ██████	<b>Email Address:</b>	██████████████
<b>First Name:</b>	Angela	<b>Last Name:</b>	Jenkins
<b>Mailing Address</b>	/	<b>City &amp; Zip:</b>	███
<b>Phone:</b>	██████ ██████	<b>Email Address:</b>	██████████████

III. **Personal Statement of Interest**

Briefly explain your interest in serving on the TSAC. Please feel free to attach an additional page.

This is my third consecutive year serving as the Chairperson and I'd like to continue to build off of the work we've done so far, if I have the opportunity to be re-appointed. Thank you for this opportunity.

IV. **Qualifications and Experience**

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

My qualifications cross various Brown Act governed Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Speaking specifically to my experiences as a member of the TSAC, the following are my achievements so far:

1. Chairperson 2024, 2025, 2026
  - (a) Completed two consecutive Annual Reports in collaboration with BPD & Governmental Affairs
  - (b) Updated the Bylaws and changed from Roberts Rules to Alice Sturgis rules of order.
  - (c) Created a draft Strategic Plan to guide us in achieving the purpose of the TSAC.
  - (d) Have had several BART employees speak at TSAC meetings to broaden our understanding of the how BART works so we can make more informed recommendations. Speakers include: OIPA, Chief Transportation Officer (to review appeals to prohibition orders), Communications Director, Senior Manager of Social Services Partnerships to name a few.
2. Conducted TSAC Outreach
  - (a) Spearheaded the creation of a Community Outreach ad hoc Committee
  - (b) Partnered with BPD to do outreach at 5 Homeless Veteran Resource Fairs over the course of 3 years. Which helps

identify services and programs for persons who are homeless and may have psychiatric, developmental, or other disabilities, to improve potential future interactions with them.

- (c) Partnered with OIPA to have a table at a Women in Law Enforcement event.
- (d) Created a TSAC recruitment flyer that was approved by BART staff.
- (e) Created a draft meeting flyer and draft logo that are being considered by BART staff.
- (f) Working on creating an outreach presentation.
- (g) Changed the meeting start time from 9 am to 4 pm for better public access to meetings.

3. Creating a Mental Health & Wellness ad hoc Committee (proposed)

- (a) The purpose of this ad hoc would be to provide recommendations for improving mental health for BPD via training programs. These recommendations will be included in the next Annual Report.
- (b) We all have a stake in promoting officer wellness through improved training, because it has a positive impact on their personal safety as well as community relations. Currently we're informally discussing improved training regarding fatigue management, sleep optimization, PTSD, Complex-PTSD, and suicide ideation identification and prevention. An effectively managed mental health and wellness training program has a positive impact on reducing instances of excessive force, chronic stress, sick days, and injuries, which thereby improves the safety of everyone in the BART transit system.

V. **Organizations/Group Membership**

*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 TSAC:*

<b>Organization Name:</b>	Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission	<b>Position:</b>	Chair Emeritas (2021-present)
<b>Organization Name:</b>	Transit Security Advisory Committee	<b>Position:</b>	Chairperson (2022-present)
<b>Organization Name:</b>	Oakland Police Commission	<b>Position:</b>	Commissioner (2024-present)
<b>Organization Name:</b>	Public Safety & Services Oversight Commission	<b>Position:</b>	Chair Emeritas (2021-2024)
<b>Organization Name:</b>	Reimagining Public Safety Task Force - Oakland	<b>Position:</b>	Board Member (2021-2022)

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: June 8 2026

Return this form and relevant attachments to the BART Office of the District Secretary:

2150 Webster Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, CA 94612 or email to

[TransitSecurityAdvisory@bart.gov](mailto:TransitSecurityAdvisory@bart.gov)

Please contact the District Secretary's Office at (510) 464-6083 with any questions.

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**Thank you for your interest in serving on the Transit Security Advisory Committee (TSAC).**