

## Citizen Review Board: General Information

### Statement of Purpose:

The BART Board of Directors established a Citizen Review Board (CRB) 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 employees. The CRB is an advisory committee that reports to the BART Board of Directors. Meetings are generally held once per month, and service on the Citizen Review Board is voluntary.

### Duties and responsibilities:

- 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

### Reimbursement:

Citizen Review Board members volunteer their service and do not receive compensation; however, members are reimbursed for expenses incurred for public transportation to and from regular or special meetings.

Accommodation will be provided to Citizen Review Board members with special needs.

### Composition:

The Citizen Review Board is comprised of 11 members:

- One member appointed by each of the nine members of the BART Board of Directors
- One public-at-large member appointed jointly by the BART Board of Directors
- One member appointed jointly by the two BART Police associations

***The current vacancy is for the seat representing District 8 and will be appointed by BART Director Nick Josefowitz***

### Member Qualifications:

- Resident of either Alameda, Contra Costa or San Francisco county
- Fair minded and objective
- Demonstrated commitment to community service
- Not currently employed in a law enforcement capacity, either sworn or non-sworn
- Not a relative of current or former BART Police Department personnel
- No felony convictions

### Code of Ethics:

Members of the Citizen Review Board shall adhere to the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) code of ethics. (Visit [www.nacole.org](http://www.nacole.org) for more details)

### Confidentiality:

Members of the Citizen Review Board shall adhere to all applicable local, state and federal laws regarding confidentiality.

### Meetings/Attendance:

The Citizen Review Board generally meets once a month. All meetings are conducted in compliance with California's Brown Act law. Members who miss three regularly scheduled meetings per fiscal year are subject to removal from the Citizen Review Board. However, temporary leaves of absence may be granted.

### Duration of Service:

All appointments to the Citizen Review Board are for a term of 2 years and there are no term limits. ***The term of the vacant seat representing District 8 will expire on June 30, 2017.***

### Reporting:

The Citizen Review Board is responsible for preparing quarterly and annual reports of its activities to the Board of Directors. The Office of Independent Police Auditor facilitates the submission of Citizen Review Board reports.

### Training:

Citizen Review Board members receive periodic training on a wide variety of matters relevant to their responsibilities.