

Date: April 10, 2017  
To: BART Board of Directors  
From: BART Police Citizen Review Board  
Cydia A. Garrett, Chairperson  
Subject: Quarterly Report to Board of Directors

This quarterly report from the BART Police Citizen Review Board (BPCRB) to the BART Board of Directors covers the BPCRB's most significant activities for January, February and March 2017.

**BART Police Citizen Review Board Members:**

Benjamin L. Douglas	District 1
Cathryn Freitas	District 2
William White	District 3
Darren White	District 4
Bob Maginnis	District 5
Les Mensinger	District 6
Sharon Anne Kidd	District 7
David Rizk (Vice Chairperson)	District 8
George Perezvelez	District 9
Cydia A. Garrett (Chairperson)	Public-At-Large
Richard Knowles	BART Police Officers and Managers Associations

**Meetings:**

The BPCRB normally meets in the district boardroom at 4 pm on the second Monday of the month. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the district website and can be found at [www.bart.gov/about/bod/meetings.aspx](http://www.bart.gov/about/bod/meetings.aspx). The regular agenda items include monthly oral reports by Acting BART Chief of Police Jeff Jennings and Independent Police Auditor Russell Bloom. Mr. Bloom also presents the BPCRB with a written monthly report, which can be found on the Auditor's webpage at [www.bart.gov/policeauditor](http://www.bart.gov/policeauditor).

At the November 14, 2016 meeting, a motion was approved to make audio recordings available to the public effective January 1, 2017. The feasibility of audio recordings was reviewed. At the March BPCRB meeting a motion was approved to post on the BPCRB web page that meeting audio recordings could be received by request.

**Primary Duties and Responsibilities**

The Citizen Oversight Model lists several primary duties and responsibilities for the BPCRB. The general topic headings below describe the BPCRB activities related to these tasks:

**Receiving complaints, reviewing investigative reports and making recommendations for corrective action.**

The Independent Auditor has received a number of complaints and appeals, which are being investigated. During the quarter, no cases were presented to the BPCRB.

**Recommendations on Procedures, Practices and Training**

During the quarter, the BPCRB continued its work on the BPD Use of Force Policy Revision. A subcommittee was established after the January meeting. Several public comments were received during the February meeting. There were no updates on this policy revision at the March meeting.

The BPCRB accepted the OIPA policy recommendation regarding BPD Policy 453 Aggressive Panhandling at its February meeting.

**Reporting**

This is the 21st formal written report to the Board of Directors.

**Monitor Study Recommendations**

N/A

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Sharon Kidd participated in the 8th Annual Wise Men Toy Giveaway with Director Robert Raburn on 1/6/17 at Fruitvale BART station.

Les Mensinger and Independent Police Auditor Russell Bloom attended the Community Trust in Policing Forum at the Mexican Heritage Plaza in San Jose on 1/21/17.

Les Mensinger attended the funeral of retired Fremont Fire Department Captain Gerard McCormick at St. Joseph Church on 2/24/17.

Sharon Kidd attended the Black Elected Officials and Faith Based Leadership Breakfast on 3/22/17 at Geoffrey's, Oakland.

Richard Knowles attended the Warm Springs/South Fremont Opening Celebration on 3/24/17.

Several BPCRB members met with Aaron Zisser (OIR Group) as part of the Citizen Oversight Structure Evaluation Process per the Model Chapter 3-01.

William White attended the funeral of retired Berkeley Police Department Chief of Police and former Interim BART Police Department Chief of Police Daschel Butler at Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland on 2/03/17.

### **Training**

During the quarter, the following training was received:

BPD Bias-Based Policing (February 2017)

### **Participation in Oral Boards**

Les Mensinger participated on a BPD interview panel on 1/19/17.

Sharon Kidd participated on BPD officer interview panels on 1/19/17, 1/20/17, 2/3/17, 2/16/17, 2/17/17, 3/9/17 and 3/25/17.

Sharon Kidd participated on BPD Lieutenant interview panels on 3/15/17 and 3/16/17.