

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
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BART Police Citizen Review Board
Monday, May 9, 2016

A regular meeting of the BART Police Citizen Review Board (BPCRB) was held on Monday, May 9, 2016 convening at 4:00 p.m. in the BART Board Room, 344 20th Street, Oakland, California.

Members Present: Chairperson Cydia Garrett, Ben Douglas, William White, Darren White, Doug Hambleton, Les Mensinger, Sharon Kidd, David Rizk, George Perezvelez, and Richard Knowles.

BART Staff: BART Police Department (BPD) Chief Kenton Rainey, BPD Acting Deputy Chief Lance Haight, BPD Lieutenant Paul Kwon, BPD Lieutenant Ed Alvarez, Government and Community Relations Department Manager Roddrick Lee, Interim Independent Police Auditor Russell Bloom, and Senior Administrative Analyst Sarah Celso.

Others Present: Director Robert Raburn.

Agenda items discussed:

1. Call to Order.

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chairperson Cydia Garrett .

Mr. Rizk entered the meeting.

2. Call for Quorum.

Cydia Garrett , William White, Doug Hambleton, Les Mensinger, Sharon Kidd, David Rizk, George Perezvelez, and Richard Knowles were present amounting to a quorum.

Mr. Douglas entered the meeting.

3. Pledge of Allegiance Recital.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Approval of Minutes of Prior Board Meeting. For Discussion and Action.

A motion to approve the minutes of the prior BPCRB meeting was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Rizk. The motion passed with six votes in favor and four abstentions.

5. General Discussion and Public Comment. Limited to 3 minutes per speaker.

Mr. Perezvelez recommended suspending the rules, so as to let public comment proceed after each item that is discussed.

Mr. Hambleton announced that this will be his last term and meeting as a member of the BPCRB; he will not be seeking reappointment.

Chairperson Garrett suspended the rules in order to consider Item #9 and to allow public comment after the Chief of Police's Report.

6. Chief of Police's Report. For Discussion and Action.

(This was originally Item #9 on the Agenda.)

Chief Rainey announced that one BPD officer graduated from the Inner Perspectives Training Course and two BPD Sergeants graduated from the Safe Communities Institute at the University of Southern California, where Chief Rainey was the keynote speaker at the ceremony.

a. BART Police Department Monthly Report

Chief Rainey presented the BPD March Monthly Report and responded to questions from the BPCRB.

Mr. D. White entered the meeting.

No action taken.

b. National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Audit Matrix.

Chief Rainey discussed the NOBLE Audit Matrix. Lieutenant Alvarez provided an update on the Audit Matrix. Chief Rainey and Lieutenant Alvarez responded to questions from the BPCRB.

No action taken.

c. Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Technology.

Chief Rainey discussed the ALPR technology and answered questions from the BPCRB.

Director Raburn addressed the BPCRB.

JP Massar addressed the BPCRB.

Tracy Rosenberg addressed the BPCRB.

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No action taken.

7. "Better BART" Presentation by BART Department of Government and Community Relations.

(This was originally Item #6 on the Agenda.)

Government and Community Relations Department Manager Roddrick Lee presented "Better BART" and answered questions from the BPCRB.

8. Letters mailed by the Office of Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) to complainant before BPCRB reviews cases. For Discussion and Action.

(This was originally Item #7 on the Agenda.)

Mr. W. White discussed the letters mailed by OIPA to complainant before the BPCRB reviews cases and proposed to discontinue the practice. He invited his fellow Board members and Mr. Bloom to have further dialogue regarding this item.

Mr. Bloom stated the position of OIPA to the BPCRB and responded to questions from the BPCRB.

A motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes to 6:15 p.m. was made by Chairperson Garrett and seconded by Mr. Mensinger. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

9. Chairperson's Report. For Discussion and Action.

(This was originally Item #8 on the Agenda.)

Chairperson Garrett announced that Mr. Knowles and Mr. Perezvelez will attend the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement Annual Conference in September.

Chairperson Garrett noted that Ms. Patrice McElroy of the BART Human Resources Department contacted her to ensure that the BPCRB is engaged in the selection of the next Independent Police Auditor.

Chairperson Garrett and several BPCRB members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Hambleton for serving on the BPCRB, and Chairperson Garrett presented him with a certificate.

A motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes to 6:30 p.m. was made by Chairperson Garrett and seconded by Ms. Kidd. The motion passed unanimously.

10. BPCRB Training Plan Approval for June 2016. For Discussion and Action.

A motion to proceed with the proposed training plan for June 2016 was made by Chairperson Garrett and seconded by Mr. D. White. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Independent Police Auditor's Report. For Discussion and Action.

a. Office of the Independent Police Auditor's Monthly Report.

Mr. Bloom presented OIPA's April 2016 monthly report and responded to questions from the BPCRB.

12. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting in honor of Mr. Hambleton was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Perezvelez. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:22 p.m.