

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
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BART Police Citizen Review Board
Monday, July 09, 2018

A regular meeting of the BART Police Citizen Review Board (BPCRB) was held on Monday, July 9, 2018 convening at 4:00 p.m. in the BART Board Room, 344 20th Street, Oakland, California.

Members Present: Chairperson George Perezvelez, Kenneth Loo, Pete Longmire, Darren White, Les Mensinger, Aman Sebahtu, David Rizk, and Richard Knowles.

BART Staff: BART Police Department (BPD) Chief of Police Carlos Rojas, BPD Deputy Chief Lance Haight, BPD Deputy Chief Jeffrey Jennings, BPD Lieutenant Gil Lopez, BPD Officer Stephen Christ, Independent Police Auditor Russell Bloom, Independent Police Investigator Patrick Caceres, Senior Administrative Analyst Sarah Celso, Senior Administrative Analyst LaTonia Peoples-Stokes, Interim District Secretary Patricia Williams, Assistant General Manager of Office of External Affairs Kerry Hammill, BPD Temporary Staff Assistant Sharon Kidd.

Others Present: BART Director John McPartland, BART Director Robert Raburn, Members of the Public.

Agenda items discussed:

- 1. Call to Order.**
The regular meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. by Chairperson George Perezvelez.
- 2. Call for Quorum.**
Chairperson George Perezvelez, Darren White, Aman Sebahtu, Les Mensinger, David Rizk and Richard Knowles were present, amounting to a quorum.
- 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 for the Prior Board Meeting was made by Mr. Mensinger and seconded by Mr. Knowles. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Introduction of New BPCRB Member Pete Longmire and Oath of Office.**
Mr. Bloom introduced Mr. Longmire to the BPCRB.

Mr. Longmire gave a brief statement about himself.

Interim District Secretary Patricia Williams administered the oath of office to Mr. Longmire.

Chairperson Perezvelez welcomed Mr. Longmire to the BPCRB.

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

Chief Rojas addressed the BPCRB. He welcomed Mr. Longmire to the BPCRB.

a. BPD Monthly Report for May 2018

Chief Rojas presented the BPD Monthly Report for May 2018 and he answered questions from the BPCRB.

b. Center for Policing Equity Report Status

Deputy Chief Jennings provided the status for this item and he answered questions from the BPCRB.

7. BPCRB Participation in BPD Commendation Process. For Discussion and Action.

Chairperson Perezvelez discussed this item and he answered questions from the BPCRB.

Mr. Mensinger discussed this item.

Mr. Loo entered the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

This item will be agendized for action at the next BPCRB meeting.

8. BPCRB Onboarding and Submitting Materials Status. For Discussion and Action.

Mr. Rizk provided the status for this item. He requested that BPCRB Members share items with him.

9. BPD Administrative Leave Process (Criteria for Returning an Officer to Full Duty Pending Completion of an Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation.) For Discussion and Action.

Deputy Chief Jennings discussed this item. He reviewed the process and the proposed revisions to BPD Policy #310 related to an officer's fitness for return to duty. He also answered questions from the BPCRB.

10. Use of Force Policy Training Status. For Discussion and Action.

Lieutenant Lopez provided the Use of Force Training Status and he answered questions from the BPCRB.

11. BPD Media Communications and Information Policy. For Discussion and Action.

Mr. Rizk provided an update for this item and he discussed the subcommittee's suggestions for changes to this policy. The subcommittee would like to seek opinions from the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA), BPD and the Public. It is the

subcommittee's hope to have the proposed changes ready for consideration at the next BPCRB meeting.

Chairperson Perezvelez addressed Chief Rojas.

Chief Rojas requested that BART Media Relations (Office of External Affairs) also be included in the drafting process.

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

a. OIPA's Monthly Report for June 2018

Mr. Bloom presented the OIPA Monthly Report for June 2018.

13. General Discussion and Public Comment. Limited to 3 minutes per speaker. (An opportunity for members of the public to address the BPCRB on matters under their jurisdiction and not on the agenda.)

Chairperson Perezvelez called for Public Comment.

The following individuals addressed the BPCRB regarding the BPD Officer-Involved Shooting on January 3, 2018:

Lonnie Monroe
Afiyah Chambers
Asale Chandler

The meeting convened into closed session 5:56 p.m.

14. Closed Session.

a. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in Office of the Independent Police Auditor Case #17-42. Gov. Code §54957

A motion to extend the meeting to 6:15 p.m. was made by Mr. Rizk and seconded by Mr. Loo. The motion passed unanimously.

The BPCRB reconvened in open session at 6:13 p.m.

Chairperson Perezvelez announced the votes taken during the closed session with regard to agenda item #14a. The BPCRB voted to accept the findings reached by OIPA with seven in favor, zero against and one abstention by Mr. Sebahtu.

15. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. D. White and it was seconded by Mr. Mensinger. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:14 p.m.