

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
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Citizen Review Board
Minutes of the 42nd Meeting
Monday, October 13, 2014

A regular meeting of the Citizen Review Board (CRB) was held on Monday, October 13, 2014, convening at 4:00 p.m. in the BART Board Room, 344 20th Street, Oakland, California.

Members Present: Chairperson Sharon Kidd, Vice-Chairperson Les Mensinger, William White, Benjamin Douglas, George Perezvelez, Ken Jones, Sukari Beshears, Douglas Hambleton, Darren White and Cydia Garrett

BART Staff: BART Police Department (BPD) Deputy Chief Janeith Glenn-Davis, BPD Lieutenant Lance Haight, Department Manager of Government and Community Relations Rodderick Lee, Independent Police Auditor Mark P. Smith, Independent Police Investigator Russell Bloom, and Senior Administrative Analyst Anita Grayson.

Others Present: BART Director Robert Raburn

Agenda items discussed:

- 1. Call to Order.**
The regular meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Ms. Kidd.
- 2. Call for Quorum.**
Sharon Kidd, Doug Hambleton, Ken Jones, Benjamin Douglas, Cydia Garrett, Darren White and Les Mensinger were present, amounting to a quorum.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance Recital.**
The pledge of allegiance was recited.
- 4. Public Comment on Items 5 through 11 Only.**
No public comment.

Mr. Perezvelez entered the meeting.
- 5. Approval of Minutes of Prior Board Meeting. For Discussion and Action.**
A motion to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting was made by Mr. Mensinger and seconded by Mr. Douglas. The motion passed with 7 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

6. Chairperson’s Report. For Discussion and Action.

Chairperson Kidd discussed her attendance at the 2014 NACOLE annual conference and informed the CRB that the 2015 conference would be held in Riverside, CA. Ms. Kidd also discussed her and Mr. Mensinger’s acceptance of an award for their service at a ceremony in Long Beach.

Mr. Mensinger discussed brochures detailing students’ rights in interactions with law enforcement that have been published by civilian oversight agencies in Spokane, WA and San Jose, CA. He suggested the possibility of developing such a brochure at BART.

Ms. Beshears and Mr. White entered the meeting.

No action taken.

7. Chief of Police’s Report. For Discussion and Action.

Deputy Chief Glenn-Davis acknowledged the awards given to Ms. Kidd and Mr. Mensinger for their service.

No action taken.

8. Recommendation for Creation of a Policy to Address BART Police Department Interactions with Transgender People. For Discussion and Action.

Mr. Bloom presented a draft of the policy addressing BPD interactions with individuals identifying as transgender, and he listened to suggestions offered by the CRB. Mr. Bloom, Deputy Chief Glenn-Davis, and Lieutenant Haight answered questions from the CRB.

No action taken.

9. Recommendation to the BART Board of Directors to Change the Name of the Citizen Review Board. For Discussion and Action.

The CRB discussed a proposal by Mr. Mensinger to recommend that the BART Board of Directors change the name of the CRB. A motion to recommend changing the name of the CRB from “Citizen Review Board” to “BART Police Citizen Review Board” was made by Mr. Mensinger and seconded by Mr. D. White.

Mr. Douglas made a friendly amendment to change the word “Citizen” to the word “Civilian” in the proposal. Mr. Lee commented that the word ‘civilian’ was voted against during the original creation of the CRB. Mr. Douglas withdrew his amendment. Mr. Jones inquired about adding the word “Department” to the proposed name change, between the words “Police and Citizen”.

A substitute motion to table this item to the next meeting was made by Mr. Hambleton and seconded by Mr. Jones. The motion failed with 5 votes in favor and 5 votes against.

The original motion to recommend changing the name of the CRB from “Citizen Review Board” to “BART Police Citizen Review Board” passed with 7 votes in favor, 2 votes against, and 1 abstention.

10. Recommendation to the BART Board of Directors to Modify the Duties and Responsibilities of the CRB in the BART Citizen Oversight Model. For Discussion and Action.

Chairperson Kidd tabled this item to a future meeting. Ms. Garrett shared her ideas/proposed changes to the current model with the Board.

No action taken.

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

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

Mr. Smith presented OIPA’s Monthly Report and answered questions from the CRB.

b. Upcoming Outreach Events

Ms. Grayson reminded the CRB of the upcoming outreach event on Monday, October 27 at the Center for Independent Living and invited everyone to attend.

No action taken.

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

No public comment.

Mr. Hambleton thanked BPD for the final revisions it made to Policy 1020.

13. Adjournment.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:23 p.m.