

Date: September 30, 2017  
To: BART Board of Directors  
From: BART Police Citizen Review Board  
George Perezvelez, 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 July, August and September 2017.

**BART Police Citizen Review Board Members:**

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

**Meetings:**

The BPCRB normally meets in the district boardroom at 4:00 p.m. 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 the BART Chief of Police and the Independent Police Auditor.

**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.

At the August 2017 meeting, Kenneth Loo (District 1) and Aman Sebahtu (District 7) were sworn in at Board Members to replace Benjamin Douglas and Sharon Kidd respectively.

At the July 2017 meeting, George Perezvelez (District 9) was elected Chair along with William White (District 3) as Vice Chair.

### **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, one case (OIPA Case #16-25) was presented to the BPCRB and the OIPA recommendations were agreed to by at least a majority of BPCRB members.

### **Recommendations on Procedures, Practices and Training**

During the Quarter, the Board accepted BART Police Department (BPD) Policy 453 recommendation for Aggressive Panhandling. The Board approved Committee recommendations of BPD Policy 300 – Use of Force dated July 3, 2017 and it was forwarded to BPD for implementation.

### **Reporting**

This is the 23<sup>rd</sup> formal written report to the Board of Directors.

### **Monitor Study Recommendations**

N/A

### **Community Outreach and Other Activities**

During July through September, Cathryn Freitas met with constituents from Mt. Diablo and Concord areas at community events. Ms. Freitas also met with Concord's Chief of Police Guy Swanger

In August 2017, Darren White attended a dedication at Fruitvale Station.

In August, Les Mensinger attended BART's Executive Board Meeting.

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, George Perezvelez attended National Night Out along with BPD Chief of Police Carlos Rojas at the Mission Street and 24<sup>th</sup> Street BART Stations.

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, Cydia Garrett participated in National Night at the Concord Station.

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, Kenneth Loo did a Walk-A-Long with BPD at the Powell Street Station.

In September 2017, George Perezvelez and Les Mensinger attended the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Annual Conference in Spokane, Washington.

William White gave a presentation about Civilian Police Oversight on September 19th to the Berkeley Kiwanis Club.

### **Training**

During the quarter, the following training was received:

Mindful Policing – Emeryville Chief of Police, Jennifer Tejada and BJ Henry made a presentation about Mindful Policing followed by a question/answer session from the BPCRB.

Oversight System Evaluation – Aaron Zisser provided a review of the process for Oversight System Evaluation. Reported and categorized the recommendations in the report.

### **Participation in Oral Boards**

In July, August and September Les Mensinger participated on oral board interviews.

In September, William White participated on the interview panel for the selection of Deputy Chief.