

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
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BART Police Citizen Review Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 8, 2021

A regular meeting of the BART Police Citizen Review Board (BPCRB) was held Monday, February 8, 2021, convening at 4:07 p.m. via teleconference, pursuant to Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 and the California Shelter-in-Place mandate. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Rizk; Mag Tatum, Recording Secretary.

Chairperson David Rizk gave instructions on the virtual meeting, accessing the presentation materials online, Public Comment, and Members' remarks.

1. Call to Order.

The regular meeting was convened at 4:07 p.m. by Chairperson David Rizk.

Members Present:

Members Erin Armstrong, Todd Davis, Christina Gomez, Pete Longmire, Kenneth Loo, Les Mensinger, George Perezvelez, Darren White, William White, and David Rizk.

Absent:

None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Announcement from January 11, 2021, Closed Session.

Chairperson Rizk announced that the Board voted to accept the findings in OIPA Case #20-07. Accepts – 6: Members Armstrong, Longmire, Loo, Mensinger, Perezvelez, and W. White. Rejects – 2: Members Davis and Rizk. Abstain – 0. Absent – 2: Members C. Gomez and D. White. Vacant – 1.

Chairperson Rizk announced that the Board voted unanimously to accept the findings in OIPA Case #20-11.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of January 11, 2021.

Member Armstrong moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of January 11, 2021, be approved. Member Gomez seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Ayes – 9: Members Armstrong, Gomez, Longmire, Loo, Mensinger, Perezvelez, D. White, W. White, and Rizk. Noes – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 1: Member Davis. Vacant – 1.

Member Todd Davis entered the meeting.

4. Approval of Memoriam Letter to the Family of Ken Jones, LGBTQ+ Advocate, and Original Member of the Citizen Review Board.

Chairperson Rizk moved the Memoriam Letter to the Family of Ken Jones to be approved as amended to include all BART Police Citizen Review Board member names. Member Darren White seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Ayes – 10: Members Armstrong, Davis, Gomez, Longmire, Loo, Mensinger, Perezvelez, D. White, W. White and Rizk. Noes – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 0. Vacant – 1.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

LaSandra Henderson

5. Resolution Honoring Ken Jones and in Support of His Nomination to the Castro’s Rainbow Honor Walk.

Member Perezvelez moved that the Resolution Honoring Ken Jones and in Support of His Nomination to the Castro’s Rainbow Honor Walk be adopted. Member Armstrong seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Ayes – 10: Members Armstrong, Davis, Gomez, Longmire, Loo, Mensinger, Perezvelez, D. White, W. White, and Rizk. Noes – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 0. Vacant – 1.

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6. Chief of Police’s Reports.

a. BART Police Department’s Monthly Reports for December 2020.

Chief of Police Ed Alvarez presented the BPD Monthly Reports for December 2020. The reports were discussed.

Member Darren White exited the meeting.

7. Independent Police Auditor’s Report.

a. Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) Monthly Report for January 2021.

Independent Police Auditor Russell Bloom presented the OIPA Monthly Report. The report was discussed.

Chairperson Rizk moved to extend the meeting time by 30 minutes. Member Gomez seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous roll call vote. Ayes – 9: Members Armstrong, Davis, Gomez, Longmire, Loo, Mensinger, Perezvelez, W. White, and Rizk. Noes – 0. Abstain – 0. Absent – 1: Member D. White. Vacant – 1.

8. Center for Policing Equity Final Report - BART Police Department.

Chairperson Rizk presented the Center for Policing Equity Final Report, BART Police Department. The report was discussed and continued to a future meeting.

9. Update to Roll Call for Introductions Item No. RCI 20-832, BART Progressive Policing.
The report was continued to a future meeting.

10. Public Comment. No Comments were received.

11. Closed Session.

a. To Consider Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in OIPA Case #20-14. Govt. Code §54957.

Chairperson Rizk announced that the Board would enter into a closed session under Item 11-A (Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release in OIPA Case 20-14) of the Regular Meeting agenda and that the closed session votes, if any, would be announced in open session at the beginning of the next regular BPCRB meeting.

Adjournment.

The Meeting was adjourned in honor of Mr. Ken Jones LGBTQ+ Advocate, and Original Member of the Citizen Review Board at 6:19 p.m.