



POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024
6:30 P.M.

Board Members

John Moore III (Chair)
Kitty Calavita
Brent Blackaby
Alexander Mozes

Leah Wilson (Vice-Chair)
Juliet Leftwich
Joshua Cayetano
David Williams

MEETING LOCATION

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94709
([Click here for Directions](#))

Meeting Recording: <https://youtu.be/xmZFcljJYdk?si=HRqZYhY-vCTswy72>

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Board Member John Moore (Chair)¹
Leah Wilson (Vice-Chair)
Board Member Brent Blackaby
Board Member Kitty Calavita
Board Member Joshua Cayetano
Board Member Juliet Leftwich
Board Member David Williams
Board Member Alexander Mozes

¹ Chair Moore arrived at 6:53 PM after roll-call.

Absent: None.
ODPA Staff: Hansel Aguilar, Director of Police Accountability
Jose Murillo, Policy Analyst
Jayson Wechter, Investigator
Syed Mehdi, Data Analyst
BPD Staff: Deputy Chief Tate
Lt. Rego
CAO Staff: DCA Ashley Carter
CMO Staff: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved/Second (Leftwich/Mozes) Motion carried by general consent.

Ayes: Blackaby, Calavita, Cayetano, Leftwich, Mozes, Wilson and Williams.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Moore.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (TBD)

2 Physically Present Speaker(s)

0 Virtually Present Speaker(s)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5 MINUTES)

a. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on October 9, 2024.

Moved/Second (Calavita/Blackaby) Motion carried by general consent.

Ayes: Blackaby, Calavita, Cayetano, Leftwich, Moore, Mozes, Wilson and Williams.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Moore.

5. ODPa STAFF REPORT (10 MINUTES)

Director Aguilar introduced City Manager Paul Buddenhagen to the PAB, where he provided an overview of his role and addressed questions from the members. Syed Irtaza Mehdi was introduced as the new Data Analyst for the ODPa. Staff recapped PAB and ODPa's recent participation in the NACOLE conference, shared updates regarding BART's civilian oversight initiatives, and presented an overview of Marin County's new civilian oversight ordinance. Director Aguilar also noted that Rex Brown, the City of

Berkeley's DEI Officer, has connected with Amir Chapel, Deputy Program Director at the Council of State Governments' Justice Center², to explore potential future projects.

6. CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Chair Moore expressed appreciation to those who attended the NACOLE conference and provided PAB with an update on his and Board Member Cayetano's recent visit to the Law and Justice class³ at Berkeley High School, where they discussed PAB's mission and work. Board Member Cayetano shared additional insights from NACOLE and their outreach at BHS. Board Member Leftwich reported on her recent ride-along experience, while Vice Chair Wilson updated PAB on the feedback submitted to the City Council regarding the Citygate report and the Council's response to their comments. Board Member Williams noted that he, too, would be participating in an upcoming ride-along and his participation in Daigle Law Group's Internal Affairs training.⁴

7. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Tate reported on the BPD's participation at NACOLE, shared briefings on various cases of interest, and provided additional relevant updates.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Subcommittees report on their activities.

9. OLD BUSINESS (5 MINUTES)

- a. Discussion and action on the PAB's 2025 Regular Meeting Calendar
(5 Minutes)

Motion to approve the PAB's 2025 Regular Meeting Calendar

Moved/Second (Leftwich/Wilson) Motion carried.

Ayes: Blackaby, Calavita, Cayetano, Leftwich, Moore, Mozes, Wilson and Williams.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

² Biography of Amir Chapel, Deputy Program Director at the Council of State Governments Justice Center: <https://csgjusticecenter.org/people/amir-chapel/>

³ Berkeley High School Class Catalog and Course Description: https://bhs.berkeleyschools.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/BHS_CourseCatalog_2023-24_Web-Final-Revised.pdf#Page=16

⁴ Daigle Law Group Internal Affairs Training: <https://daiglelawgroup.com/internal-affairs-training/>

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and action on new Policy Complaint 2024-PR-0005 in accordance with Section G. "Policy Complaints and Reviews" of the PAB's Standing Rules⁵ (ODPA)

Motion to direct ODPa staff to conduct further research on the deputizing of citizens by BPD officers and examine the role of the Berkeley Ambassador program and its relationship with the BPD.

Moved/Second (Cayetano/Wilson) Motion carried.

Ayes: Blackaby, Calavita, Cayetano, Leftwich, Moore, Mozes, Wilson and Williams.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

- b. Policy Review Updates (ODPA)

No action was taken. ODPa staff provided an update on the current status of policy reviews assigned to the office.

- c. Discussion and action regarding proposed Berkeley Police Department Policy 307 "Vehicle Pursuits" (Leftwich)

Motion to request all CHP 187A Forms from 2013-2020 and 2024 for the policy review of BPD Policy 307, "Vehicle Pursuits."

Moved/Second (Cayetano/Leftwich) Motion carried.

Ayes: Blackaby, Calavita, Cayetano, Leftwich, Moore, Mozes, Wilson and Williams.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT (TBD)

0 Physically Present Speaker(s)

0 Virtually Present Speaker(s)

⁵ Standing Rules of the Police Accountability Board: https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/PoliceAccountabilityBoard_StandingRules.pdf

12. CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Pursuant to the Court's order in *Berkeley Police Association v. City of Berkeley, et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 2002-057569, the Board will recess into closed session to discuss and act on the following matter(s):

- a. Case Updates and Recommendations Regarding Complaints Received by the ODPa:

No actions were taken. ODPa staff provided updates on current cases.

END OF CLOSED SESSION

13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Chair Moore announced closed session actions.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn. Moved/Second (Mozes/Leftwich). The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm PM by unanimous consent.

Minutes Approved on: November 13, 2024

Hansel Aguilar, Commission Secretary: 
Hansel Aguilar (Nov 19, 2024 08:14 PST)

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