



**POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD**  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Board Members**

Joshua Cayetano (Chair)  
Kitty Calavita

Leah Wilson (Vice-Chair)  
Juliet Leftwich

David Williams

**MEETING LOCATION**

Office of the Director of Police Accountability  
1900 Addison Street, Floor 3  
Berkeley, CA 94704

Meeting Recording: <https://youtu.be/X-c0A5Uc--0>

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Board Member Joshua Cayetano (Chair)  
Board Member Leah Wilson (Vice Chair)<sup>1</sup>  
Board Member Kitty Calavita  
Board Member Juliet Leftwich  
Board Member David Williams

**Absent:** None

**ODPA Staff:** Hansel Aguilar, Director of Police Accountability  
Jason Wechter, Investigator  
Syed Mehdi, Data Analyst  
Jose Murillo, Policy Analyst

**BPD Staff:** Deputy Chief Tate  
Lieutenant Bonaventure

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<sup>1</sup> Board Member Wilson was initially absent and arrived at 6:55 PM.

**CAO Staff:** DCA Hylas  
**CMO Staff:** Rex Brown, DEI Officer

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### **Motion to table Item 9.b. to the next regular meeting and approve the agenda**

Moved/Second (Cayetano/Leftwich) Motion carried.

Ayes: Calavita, Cayetano, Leftwich, and Williams

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Wilson

Item 9.b. was tabled to allow the PAB to discuss it at the next regular meeting when all appointed members are present.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT (TBD)

*Physically Present Speaker(s): 0*

*Virtually Present Speaker(s): 0*

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5 MINUTES)

- a. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2025

### **Motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2025**

Moved/Second (Leftwich/Calavita) Motion carried.

Ayes: Calavita, Cayetano, Leftwich, and Williams

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Wilson

## 5. ODPa STAFF REPORT

- i. Recap of ODPa's "Honoring Black Voices, Advancing Justice" Community Visioning Session
- ii. February 2025 City of Berkeley Police Accountability Newsletter<sup>2</sup>

Director Aguilar highlights the success of ODPa's "Honoring Black Voices, Advancing Justice" session and provides updates on the annual report, incoming interns, the Vehicle Pursuit letter, NACOLE conferences, and training systems. Investigator Wechter recaps the NACOLE board meeting in Minneapolis, while Rex Brown discusses the Reimagining Public Safety launch and the Housing Advisory meeting.

## 6. CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Chair and Board Members report on their activities.

## 7. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

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<sup>2</sup> Police Accountability Newsletter Vol. 2: [https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/\\_Police\\_Accountability\\_Newsletter-V.2%281%29.pdf](https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/_Police_Accountability_Newsletter-V.2%281%29.pdf)

Chief Tate provides updates on cases of interest, staffing, and the vehicle pursuit policy. Board Member Williams inquires about the effectiveness of existing ALPR systems. Director Aguilar follows the inquiry with a question about the availability of ALPR<sup>3</sup> data on the BPD's transparency hub.<sup>4</sup>

## 8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Subcommittees provided updates on their activities since the February 19, 2025, PAB meeting.

## 9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Discussion and action on the PAB's review of the BPD's Mutual Aid Agreements with other law enforcement agencies (Status Update) (ODPA) – (15 Minutes)
  - i. Identification of Agreements for Review

No action was taken by the PAB. ODPA staff were asked to retrieve the renewal status of the BPD's MOUs with immigration authorities, UC Berkeley, and other local agencies.

- b. Discussion and action on the restructuring of the PAB's existing subcommittee's (Cayetano) – (15 Minutes)

Item 9.b. was tabled to allow the PAB to discuss it at the next regular meeting when all appointed members are present.

- c. Discussion and action on a resolution recognizing the following former Board Members for their service and contributions to the PAB (ODPA) - (10 Minutes):

**Motion to approve the resolutions recognizing former Board Members Michael Chang, Nathan Mizell, Ismail Ramsey, Deborah Levine, and Cheryl Owens for their service and contributions to the PAB.**

Moved/Second (Leftwich/Williams) Motion carried.

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

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

- d. Discussion and action on a resolution calling for the Designation of April 17 as Police Accountability Day (ODPA) - (5 Minutes)

**Motion to approve the resolution calling for the Designation of April 17 as Police Accountability Day**

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<sup>3</sup> Automated License Plate Reader

<sup>4</sup> Berkeley Police Department Transparency Portal ALPR Data: <https://transparency.flocksafety.com/berkeley-ca-pd>

Moved/Second (Calavita/Williams) Motion carried.

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

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

- e. Discussion and action on the Berkeley Police Department's 2024 Police Equipment and Community Safety Report pursuant to Chapter 2.100.050 of the Berkeley Municipal Code (ODPA) – (15 Minutes)

**Motion to direct the Director of Police Accountability to request all necessary records for reviewing all incidents involving the Berkeley Police Department's use of Long-Range Acoustic Devices (LRAD) and Light/Sound Distraction Devices, in accordance with the PAB's duty under BMC 2.100.040.**

Moved/Second (Calavita/Leftwich) Motion carried.

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

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

- f. Recap, discussion, and action on the next steps after the PAB's presentation to the Public Safety Policy Committee (Cayetano) – (15 Minutes):

- i. Berkeley Police Department Texting Offences: An Independent Investigation by the Police Accountability Board

- ii. Fair and Impartial Policing Implementation Report

**Motion to authorize the Chair to review and negotiate with the Chief regarding the PAB's Fair and Impartial Policing Implementation recommendations and to submit a joint letter to the Council's Public Safety Policy Committee.**

Moved/Second (Calavita/Leftwich) Motion carried.

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

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

#### **10. PUBLIC COMMENT (TBD)**

*Physically Present Speaker(s): 2*

*Virtually Present Speaker(s): 2*

#### **11. CLOSED SESSION**

<b>CLOSED SESSION ITEMS</b>
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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 ODP.

Director Aguilar provided the PAB with updates on complaints received and currently under review by the ODP. No actions were taken.

**END OF CLOSED SESSION**

**12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

Chair Cayetano reports on closed session actions.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn. Moved/Second (Calavita/Williams). The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM by unanimous consent.

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Minutes Approved On: March 19, 2025

Hansel A. Aguilar, Commission Secretary:

