



**POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, June 3, 2026
6:30 P.M.**

Board Members

Joshua Cayetano (Chair)	Leah Wilson (Vice-Chair)
Randy Wells	Joshua Buswell-Charkow
Benjamin Nash	Stephanie Allan

MEETING LOCATION

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

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL AT 6:31 PM

Present: Board Member Joshua Cayetano (Chair)
Board Member Joshua Buswell-Charkow
Board Member Benjamin Nash
Board Member Randy Wells
Board Member Stephanie Allan¹

Absent: Board Member Leah Wilson (Vice Chair)

ODPA Staff: Kathy Lee, Interim Director of Police Accountability
Jose Murillo, Policy Analyst
Syed Mehdi, Data Analyst
Daniel Weinberg, Investigator

BPD Staff: Chief Jennifer Louis
Sgt. Neil Egbert

¹ Board Member Allan arrived after rollcall at 6:36 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as amended to reflect the withdrawal of Item 9A.

Moved/Second (Buswell-Charkow/Wells) Motion carried.

Ayes: Cayetano, Buswell-Charkow, Wells and Nash.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Wilson and Allan.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

0 Physically Present Speakers

2 Virtually Present Speakers

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2026.

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2026.

Moved/Second (Buswell-Charkow/Wells) Motion carried.

Ayes: Cayetano, Buswell-Charkow, Wells, Allan and Nash.

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

5. ODPa STAFF REPORT

Interim Director Lee provided updates regarding recruitment of the permanent Director of Police Accountability, surveillance technology initiatives, permanent regulations negotiations, recruitment for a permanent investigator position, and office lease negotiations.

6. CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Chair reported on his activities since the last PAB meeting on May 20, 2026, among them a meeting with various stakeholders regarding the RFP process for investigative software. Board members Wilson and Nash have already been designated as Tier 1 evaluators. The Chair invited other interested Board members to be Tier 2 observers. The Chair has met with the recruiter for the permanent DPA position, and said two Board members are invited to be on the interview panel on July 17; he designated Board member Allan after she expressed interest in being on the panel.

7. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

Chief Louis provided updates regarding surveillance technology initiatives, use of force policy development, upcoming annual reporting requirements, recent major investigations, sworn staffing levels, dispatcher staffing shortages, and overtime expenditures.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Subcommittee's report on their activities since the last PAB meeting on May 20, 2026: no activity reported.

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Discussion and action regarding additional commendations for BPD Officers (Cayetano & Wilson)

Item was withdrawn from the agenda.

- b. Discussion and action regarding draft sections of the 2025 PAB-ODPA Annual Report (ODPA)

The Board reviewed draft sections of the 2025 PAB ODPA Annual Report and provided feedback for staff. No action was taken.

- c. Discussion and action regarding BPD Policy 300 “Use of Force” (Cayetano)

The Board received an update regarding ongoing discussions and stakeholder engagement related to proposed revisions to BPD Policy 300 (Use of Force). No action was taken.

- d. Discussion and action on the Berkeley Police Department’s 2025 Annual Police Equipment Report (Initial Review) (ODPA)

The Board conducted an initial review of the Berkeley Police Department’s 2025 Annual Police Equipment Report. No action was taken.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

0 Physically Present Speakers

1 Virtually Present Speakers

11. 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. Conference With Labor Negotiators; Government Code § 54957.6 Designated representatives: Leah Wilson, Designated PAB Representative; Katherine Lee, Interim Director of Police Accountability Employee organization: Berkeley Police Association

The Board considered matters related to the ongoing meet-and-confer process concerning permanent regulations and provided direction to its designated representatives regarding the ongoing meet-and-confer process.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

END OF CLOSED SESSION

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Chair Cayetano announced the closed session actions.

13. ADJOURNMENT AT 9:10 PM

Motion to adjourn. Moved/Second (Cayetano/Buswell-Charkow). The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM by unanimous consent.

Minutes Approved On: 06/17/2026

Katherine Lee, Commission Secretary 