



City of Boston, Massachusetts

Office of Police Accountability and Transparency
Evandro C. Carvalho, Executive Director

Civilian Review Board Policy Subcommittee

Public Session Minutes

Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 10:00 AM
2201 Washington Street Boston MA, 02119

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Chair Samuel Harold.

Attendance

Present:

- Deputy Director, Esther Laine
- OPAT Staff
- Chair, Samuel Harold
- Joshua Dankoff
- Amaury Perez

All members present

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The Subcommittee reviewed the minutes from August 12, 2025 and September 8, 2025, as included in the meeting binders.



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Motion to approve August 12, 2025 Minutes

- Moved by: Joshua Dankoff
- Seconded by: Samuel Harold
- Vote: 3–0 in favor (Samuel Harold (yes), Amaury Perez (yes), Joshua Dankoff (yes))
- Motion unanimously approved

Motion to approve September 8, 2025 Minutes

- Moved by: Joshua Dankoff
- Seconded by: Amaury Perez
- Vote: Samuel Harold (yes), Amaury Perez (yes), Joshua Dankoff (yes)
- Motion unanimously approved

Deputy Director's Report

Deputy Director Laine provided a status update regarding the CRB's 9.11.25 letter to the Commissioner noting that the OPAT Commission would be meeting and that further discussion regarding the letter was forthcoming.

Subcommittee members expressed that the CRB remains available to engage with the BPD Commissioner regarding the contents of the letter, if requested.

Policy Discussion: Information Sharing and Federal Agencies

- Subcommittee members discussed information sharing between BPD and federal agencies, including BRIC-related matters and the policies governing such practices.
- Subcommittee members discussed Snapchat surveillance and investigative use
- Subcommittee members identified the need for a review of any written policies governing above practices, and public availability of any existing policies



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Members emphasized the urgency of the issue given the current climate surrounding federal enforcement actions, including ICE activity.

Members further discussed the broader relationship between BPD and federal law enforcement agencies:

- The federal 287(g) program, recommending against participation
- The Massachusetts Safe Communities Act
- The presence of ICE, HSI, and FBI task forces operating within BPD facilities

There was ongoing discussion regarding Boston's designation as a sanctuary city and legal and policy implications of such status.

Discussion on Board Coordination

Members discussed how CRB, IAOP and OPAT Commission are addressing similar issues and suggested a proposed workflow model.

Draft CRB Letter #2 Discussion

Members discussed the following:

- Amending the language in the draft letter
- Narrowing information-sharing provisions with the FBI
- Including recommendations regarding relevant grants

Motion to approve updated draft letter

- Moved by: Amaury Perez
- Seconded by: Joshua Dankoff
- Vote: (Samuel Harold (yes), Amaury Perez (yes), Joshua Dankoff (yes))
- Motion unanimously approved



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Other Business

Members identified additional topics requiring future discussion, including:

- BRIC
- Gang database policies
- Public records requests

Motion to establish a 72-hour rule for additions to meeting agendas

- Moved by: Samuel Harold
- Seconded by: Amaury Perez
- Vote: Samuel Harold (yes), Amaury Perez (yes), Joshua Dankoff (yes)
- Motion unanimously approved

Motion to defer discussion of BRIC, gang database policies, and public records requests to the next meeting

- Moved by: Samuel Harold
- Seconded by Amaury Perez
- Vote: Sam Harold (yes), Amaury Perez (yes), Joshua Dankoff (yes)
- Motion unanimously approved

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Joshua Dankoff
- Seconded by the Samuel Harold
- Vote: Samuel Harold (yes), Amaury Perez (yes), Joshua Dankoff (yes)
- Motion unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.