

February 10, 2026

Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT)  
Executive Director Evandro C. Carvalho  
One City Hall Square  
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Executive Director Carvalho and Members of the Civilian Review Board:

Thank you for sharing the Civilian Review Board's findings and recommendations regarding CRB Case #264 involving Sergeant Robert Boyle and the events of October 10, 2023. I commend the efforts of the OPAT investigative team and the CRB in examining this issue. The Boston Police Department aligns with the community's expectation that our officers act professionally, respectfully, and with sound judgment during all interactions. Allegations of discourteous or inappropriate language are taken very seriously, as they directly impact public trust and the relationship between the Department and the communities we serve.

In accordance with Department Rules, our collective bargaining obligations, arbitration precedence, and Civil Service law, the Internal Affairs Division will conduct its own comprehensive and independent investigation. The Department cannot impose discipline solely based on external findings. We must follow our internal procedures to ensure fairness, due process, and accurate final decisions.

To ensure a thorough and unbiased review, OPAT must provide the Department with all evidence used to reach its findings. This includes witness statements, audio or video recordings, and the cellphone footage referenced in the OPAT report. Without access to the full evidentiary record, the Department cannot conduct the fair and comprehensive investigation the public expects. Transparency and prompt information sharing are essential to maintaining the integrity of our internal processes and oversight system.

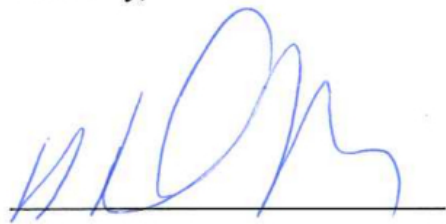
Regarding the allegations, some of the rule violations mentioned appear repetitive, as they describe overlapping aspects of the same conduct. The Department must carefully evaluate which rules, if any, are supported by the evidence and ensure that any ongoing violations are

based on clear, distinct factual findings. This requires a disciplined approach that respects due process and avoids charging terms that are not meaningfully different.

Concerning the disciplinary recommendations, the CRB suggested a suspension of 5–30 days. The Boston Police Department does not use a formal disciplinary matrix. Any disciplinary action must follow the conclusion of the Internal Affairs investigation, consider all evidence, and align with principles of progressive discipline, established practices, contractual obligations, and due process.

The Boston Police Department remains committed to fostering a constructive and effective partnership with OPAT and the Civilian Review Board. Independent oversight is vital for public trust, and I appreciate the important work your office does for Boston's residents. We look forward to receiving the complete evidentiary record and working together toward a fair, timely, and well-supported resolution of this case.

Sincerely,



Richard Dahill,

Boston Police Superintendent,

Bureau of Professional Standards

Liaison to OPAT