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Office of Police Accountability and Transparency
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Civilian Review Board (CRB) Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 | Scheduled for 10:00 a.m.
In-Person Meeting | 2201 Washington St, Suite 102, Roxbury, MA 02119

PRESENT: Sam Harold (Chair), Joshua Dankoff (member)

ABSENT: Amaury Perez

STAFF: Esther Laine, OPAT Deputy Director and staff

Call to Order at 10:22 a.m

Chair Samuel Harold called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.
Subcommittee board members and OPAT staff appeared in person.

Deputy Director Report

Deputy Director made statements on establishing operating procedures for the policy subcommittee and introduced two policy areas for discussion:

1. Trust Act Enforcement & BRIC Oversight
2. Sworn and Civilian BPD Personnel Cooperation with OPAT Investigations

Deputy Director referenced Section 12-16.9(f) of the OPAT Ordinance, which authorizes the CRB to review existing or proposed BPD rules and policies and make recommendations to the Police Commissioner. Deputy Director stated that policy recommendations reviewed at a CRB Policy Subcommittee meeting will be presented at the next full CRB board meeting for review and approval.

Discussion: Trust Act Enforcement and BRIC Oversight



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Chair Harold summarized the Boston Trust Act, enacted in 2014 and updated in 2019, which prohibits BPD from engaging in civil immigration enforcement or sharing non-criminal information with federal authorities. The subcommittee discussed concerns regarding the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC), its limited accountability, its data-sharing practices, and potential targeting of community activists.

Members expressed interest in increasing oversight and requiring more frequent monitoring of BPD information-sharing with federal agencies and ICE detainer requests. The group discussed the distinction between criminal prosecutions and civil immigration enforcement and the need for clarity regarding which data can be shared.

Proposed Next Steps:

1. CRB drafts a letter to the BPD Commissioner requesting clarification on policies and procedures related to information sharing with federal agencies, including arrest and surveillance data and fingerprinting practices.
2. CRB recommends more frequent ICE detainer request reporting and requests that BPD outline its communications with ICE and other federal entities.
3. Review of Federal Grants and its impact on Trust Act Compliance such as the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) federal grant, which requires 10% of awarded funds to support collaboration with ICE.

Discussion: BPD Cooperation with OPAT Investigations

Board discussed Boston Police Superior Officers Federation and SEIU Local 888 advising members not to participate in OPAT investigations.



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The board discussed BPD adopting clear internal policies requiring personnel to cooperate with OPAT investigations in the same manner as with Internal Affairs investigations. Members discussed the need for BPD leadership to notify employees that refusal to cooperate may result in a subpoena under OPAT authority.

Proposed Next Steps:

CRB Chair drafts sample policy language for consideration at the September 8, 2025 meeting.

Motions and Votes

1. After discussion, a MOTION was made by Josh Dankoff to schedule the next CRB Policy Subcommittee meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025, seconded by Chair Sam Harold. The Chair called for a roll call vote: Josh Dankoff (Yes); Sam Harold (Yes). Motion passed 2-0.
2. After discussion, a MOTION was made by Chair Sam Harold to table discussion of BRIC oversight and SEIU cooperation policies for the September 8, 2025 meeting, seconded by Josh Dankoff. The Chair called for a roll call vote: Josh Dankoff (Yes); Sam Harold (Yes). Motion passed 2-0.

Discussion Items for September 8, 2025 meeting:

- Finalizing draft policy letter to the BPD Commissioner for CRB Board review on September 11, 2025.
- Continue review of BRIC oversight and information-sharing practices.



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Adjournment

Chair Samuel Harold moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m.
Motion seconded by Joshua Dankoff. Vote: Sam Harold (yes); Josh Dankoff (yes). Motion passed 2-0.

The meeting concluded.

Minutes prepared by: Office of Police Accountability and Transparency
Staff

Submitted to: CRB Policy Subcommittee for approval