



CITY OF BOSTON  
OFFICE OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY  
Evandro C. Carvalho, Executive Director

## OPAT COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING

Public Session Minutes  
Thursday, January 29, 2026 | 3:30 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting | 2201 Washington Street Boston MA, 02119

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### **Call to Order**

The meeting of the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT) Commission was called to order by Executive Director Evandro Carvalho at approximately **3:34 p.m.**

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### **Members Present:**

Evandro Carvalho, Executive Director and Chair of the Commission

Samuel Harold, Chair of the Civilian Review Board (CRB)

Anthony Fugate, Chair of the Internal Affairs Oversight Panel (IAOP)

OPAT Staff

(All Commission members were in attendance)

### **Introduction**

Director Carvalho welcomed attendees and noted this was the first OPAT Commission public meeting of 2026, held virtually due to weather conditions and operational considerations. Director Carvalho reviewed the agenda, noting the following topics:

- Review & Approval of December 18, 2025 Public Meeting Minutes
- Discussion and vote regarding OPAT Commission subpoena authority and proposed subpoenas to BPD employees in advance of the February 12, 2026 CRB meeting



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- Discussion regarding OPAT's relationship with the Boston Police Department (BPD) and how to collaborate moving forward including an upcoming meeting with the BPD Commissioner
- Public Comment
- Executive Session

Director Carvalho further advised the public they may contact OPAT via the agency email address and through OPAT's website.

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### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Director Carvalho presented the December 18, 2025 meeting minutes and invited corrections.

#### **Motion to Approve Minutes as Presented:**

- Moved by: Anthony Fugate
- Seconded by: Samuel Harold
- **Vote:** Anthony Fugate (yes) Samuel Harold (yes) Evandro Carvalho (yes)  
Motion unanimously approved

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### **Discussion: Commission Subpoena Authority and February 12, 2026 Civilian Review Board Hearing Preparation**

The Commission discussed how prior meetings to date have included ongoing discussion of subpoena authority. Members referenced the Commission's authority under the ordinance, including the provision that by a two-thirds vote the Commission may subpoena witnesses and compel testimony and production of documents related to matters under investigation. Director Carvalho stated the purpose of this agenda item was to take formal action in advance of the February 12, 2026 CRB meeting, which was expected to include seven cases.



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Director Carvalho identified the following OPAT cases anticipated for the February 12, 2026 CRB hearing: 297, 347, 359, 449, 464, 281, and 393. Director Carvalho noted that materials had been sent to Commissioners in advance, including a draft subpoena and a document titled “Consolidated List of BPD Employees Named in Allegations and Identified for Potential Presence at the February 12, 2026 Civilian Review Board Meeting,” which included officer names, unit/district information, and employee numbers by case.

Commissioners discussed service and enforceability considerations, including potential proof-of-service requirements if enforcement were necessary in Superior Court. Commissioners discussed potential methods of service (including service at BPD headquarters and/or use of a constable), and noted one listed individual was reported to be retired (identified as related to Case 281, Officer Daniel Thompson), which may require different service considerations.

**Motion to Enter the Consolidated List into the Record:**

- Moved by: Anthony Fugate
- Seconded by: Samuel Harold
- **Vote:** Anthony Fugate (yes) Samuel Harold (yes) Evandro Carvalho (yes)  
Motion unanimously approved

**Motion to Issue Subpoenas Pursuant to the List Entered into the Record:**

- Moved by: Anthony Fugate
- Seconded by: Samuel Harold
- **Vote:** Anthony Fugate (yes) Samuel Harold (yes) Evandro Carvalho (yes)  
Motion unanimously approved.

The Commission acknowledged this vote represented the Commission’s first formal action to exercise subpoena authority and noted the importance of clear recordkeeping related to this step.

**Discussion: BPD Investigative Information-Sharing Requests, Boston Police Department Correspondence, and Upcoming Meeting with BPD Commissioner**

Director Carvalho summarized recent public discussion regarding OPAT and BPD interactions, including a January 17, 2026 community meeting held to discuss OPAT’s work



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and dialogue regarding correspondence between the CRB and BPD . The discussion also included a CRB letter to Commissioner Cox dated September 11, 2025 and Commissioner Cox's response dated December 4, 2025. Director Carvalho discussed reported BPD expectations regarding sharing investigatory materials and OPAT's current approach to confidentiality and information sharing, referencing ordinance language indicating investigatory materials assembled by OPAT staff are treated as confidential, subject to provisions for information-sharing established by OPAT Commission regulation and Massachusetts public records law.

The Commission further discussed the following:

- balancing confidentiality and privacy expectations for complainants and community members
- the types of materials that may be most relevant to BPD (e.g., body-worn camera footage, key witness statements) versus administrative contact-attempt records
- whether and when complainant permission should be sought prior to sharing sensitive materials (including any interview recordings, if such recordings exist)
- BPD officers opportunity to attend hearings and view evidence but may choose not to appear

Director Carvalho noted an upcoming meeting with the BPD Commissioner and invited Commissioners to attend if available. No vote was taken on information-sharing policy at this time.

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## **Other Business**

### **Statement Regarding the Death of Shacoby Kenny**

Samuel Harold introduced a draft statement regarding the death of Shacoby Kenny on December 8, 2025, while detained at the Suffolk County House of Correction.



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Samuel Harold stated the purpose of the statement was to acknowledge community concern and emphasize transparency while recognizing the matter as an active investigation.

Commissioners discussed publishing the statement as a Commission statement (as opposed to a CRB statement), consistent with prior Commission communications.

**Motion to Publish the Statement as an OPAT Commission Statement:**

- Moved by: Samuel Harold
- Seconded by: Anthony Fugate
- **Vote:** Anthony Fugate (yes) Samuel Harold (yes) Evandro Carvalho (yes)  
Motion unanimously approved

**Public Comment**

The Commission opened the floor for Public Comment, providing information on how attendees may submit comments and concerns to OPAT.

A member of the public, identified as Peter Lopes, attempted to provide comment. Due to technical/audio issues, the Commission was unable to hear the commenter. Director Carvalho advised the commenter to submit comments via email (including the option to send recorded comments) and noted OPAT would reflect receipt of submitted comments in the record, as applicable.

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**Executive Session**

**Motion to end Public Session and enter Executive Session:**

- Moved by: Anthony Fugate
- Seconded by: Samuel Harold
- **Vote:** Anthony Fugate (yes) Evandro Carvalho (yes) Samuel Harold (yes)  
Motion unanimously passed.

**The public session concluded at 4:25PM.**



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Minutes prepared by: Office of Police Accountability and Transparency Staff  
Submitted to: OPAT Commission for approval.