



## **Police Accountability Board Meeting Report April 4, 2025-April 30, 2025**

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### **Introduction**

The Police Accountability Board (PAB) provides the following report in response to the April 2025 decision in *Locust Club II*, a court ruling that significantly restricted the Board's authority as granted by the Rochester City Charter. This ruling invalidated provisions related to the PAB's ability to investigate allegations of police misconduct, recommend or impose discipline, issue subpoenas, and conduct disciplinary hearings. In the wake of this ruling, the PAB remains committed to its mission of oversight, transparency, and community trust. The following report outlines the internal actions taken to ensure full compliance with the court's decision.

### **Internal Action Summary**

To comply with the court's ruling, the following internal actions were implemented by the Police Accountability Board:

- Completed a thorough audit of the PAB website and removed or revised all language referencing investigative authority or disciplinary action.
- Created and implemented a new complaint confirmation letter that accurately reflects the PAB's updated scope of review.
- Discontinued all panel reviews and hearings related to investigations of individual officer conduct, effective immediately.
- Suspended all investigative activities, including interviews, evidence collection, and the use of internal case templates.
- Revised and revising templates for reports and publications to ensure that all future content aligns with the Board's policy review functions.
- Limited access to RPD data solely for oversight and systemic analysis purposes, consistent with §183(H) of the City Charter.
- Provided legal guidance and updated training to all staff on the distinctions between permitted and prohibited activities.
- Updating public communications, including FAQ language and call scripts, to reflect the current legal authority of the Board.
- Consulted with legal counsel to explore potential next steps, including the feasibility of an appeal or request for a stay.

### **Continued Commitment to Oversight**

Although the scope of the PAB's authority has changed, the Board remains fully committed to civilian oversight, transparency, and the public interest. The PAB will continue to receive complaints, monitor

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systemic patterns, evaluate RPD policies and procedures, and issue oversight reports. The Board is actively exploring legal and legislative avenues to strengthen civilian accountability in Rochester.