

Police Accountability Board - Regular Board Meeting**Date:** April 2, 2026**Time:** 6:00 PM**Location:** 30 Church Street, Rochester, NY**Livestreamed on:** YouTube and WXXI

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Police Accountability Board Meeting Minutes**Date:** April 2, 2026**Start Time:** 6:00 PM.**End Time:** 8:21 PM**Attendees**

- **Board Members:**
 - William Clark (Chair)
 - Lwam Tecleab (Vice Chair)
 - Rev. Keith Patterson
 - Arlene Brown
 - A.J Durwin
 - Cathy Thomas
 - Lawrence Knox

- **Absent/Excused:**
 - Yvonne Wilson

- **Special Guest:**
 - President Miguel Melendez, Rochester City Council

- **Staff:**
 - Dr. Lesli C. Myers-Small, Executive Director
 - Kevin Rambolt, General Counsel
 - Delores Ivey-Paige, Director of Operations
 - Hojin Choi, Senior Staff Attorney
 - Leslie Green, Executive Assistant
 - Brianna Milon, Communications Manager

- **Absent/Excused:** Brittaney Wells, Deputy Executive Director

- **ASL Interpreters:** James Brown and Wanya Jefferson

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1. Welcome & Introductions (6:02 PM)

Chair Clark called the meeting to order and invited Board members to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (6:04 PM)

The minutes from the March 5, 2026 meeting were received without amendment. The minutes were distributed to the Board via email on March 26, 2026. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Arlene Brown and seconded by AJ Durwin.

3. Executive Director Report (6:05 PM)

- The Police Accountability Board (PAB) reached a pivotal moment following the March 20, 2026 appellate decision affirming the removal of its investigative authority.
- The PAB remains focused on operational continuity, staff support, policy advancement, and maintaining public trust.
- Leadership efforts have centered on stabilizing the organization, supporting staff through ongoing uncertainties, and keeping the Board informed of potential next steps.
- The PAB is actively evaluating legal and legislative options to restore its investigative authority.
- Policy work continues, with an expanded emphasis on community engagement and public education.
- Community members are encouraged to engage with City Council and advocate for the future of civilian oversight.
- PAB policy recommendations continue to serve as a pathway to reform, while outreach efforts empower and inform the community.
- In 2024, 177 cases were reported to the PAB, compared to 17 reported to the Rochester Police Department (RPD).
- The PAB continues to implement its Strategic Plan. We will be attending the Statewide Civilian Oversight Collaboration – Tuesday, April 14, 2026 conference in NYC hosted by CCRB

Public Affairs & Community Engagement (PACE) - Several community-facing initiatives completed including:

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- **Policing and Community Surveillance: Your Right to Privacy Workshop** – Held on Thursday, March 12, 2026, with over 80 community members attending both in person and virtually.
- **REOC Presentation: Know Your Rights** – Delivered on Friday, March 13, 2026, to staff and community members.
- **Partnership with Action for a Better Community** – Collaborated on “The Talk,” focused on supporting young people and their caregivers in navigating law enforcement interactions.
- **Community Engagement Activity** – The Public Affairs and Community Engagement Division recorded over 270 total community contacts during the month of March.

4. Chair Report (6:20 PM)

- Chair Clark noted that the Board has been highly active in the community, particularly in discussions regarding the path forward following the appellate decision.

5. Committee Reports (6:21 PM)

- Training Committee – Board Members William Clark and Larry Knox – No report at this time
- Youth & Community Engagement Committee - Board Members Lwam Tecleab and Yvonne Wilson – No report at this time.

6. Old Business (6:21 PM)

- There was no old business to discuss

7. New Business (6:22 PM)

- There was no new business

8. Executive Session (6:22 PM) – No votes were taken.

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9. Meeting Close (8:21 PM)

- A motion to adjourn was made by Chair Clark and seconded by Arlene Brown.
- The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026, in Council Chambers at City Hall, 30 Church Street, 3rd Floor.

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