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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Advancement of the New York State Civilian Oversight Consortium

The PAB continued its leadership in developing the New York State Civilian Oversight Consortium, an initiative approved by NACOLE as its first statewide affiliate pilot. October efforts focused on refining the Consortium's proposed Governance and Operating Framework, advancing the Affiliate Pilot Agreement, and preparing for the November 4 statewide organizing meeting. This work positions the PAB as a leader in fostering collaboration, professional development, and shared learning among civilian oversight agencies across New York State.

Strengthening Interagency Relationships and Systemic Oversight

The PAB continued discussions with Rochester Police Department leadership regarding data access, complaint referrals, and opportunities for improved communication and coordination. These conversations are intended to strengthen the agency's ability to carry out its remaining statutory responsibilities and advance meaningful policy oversight.

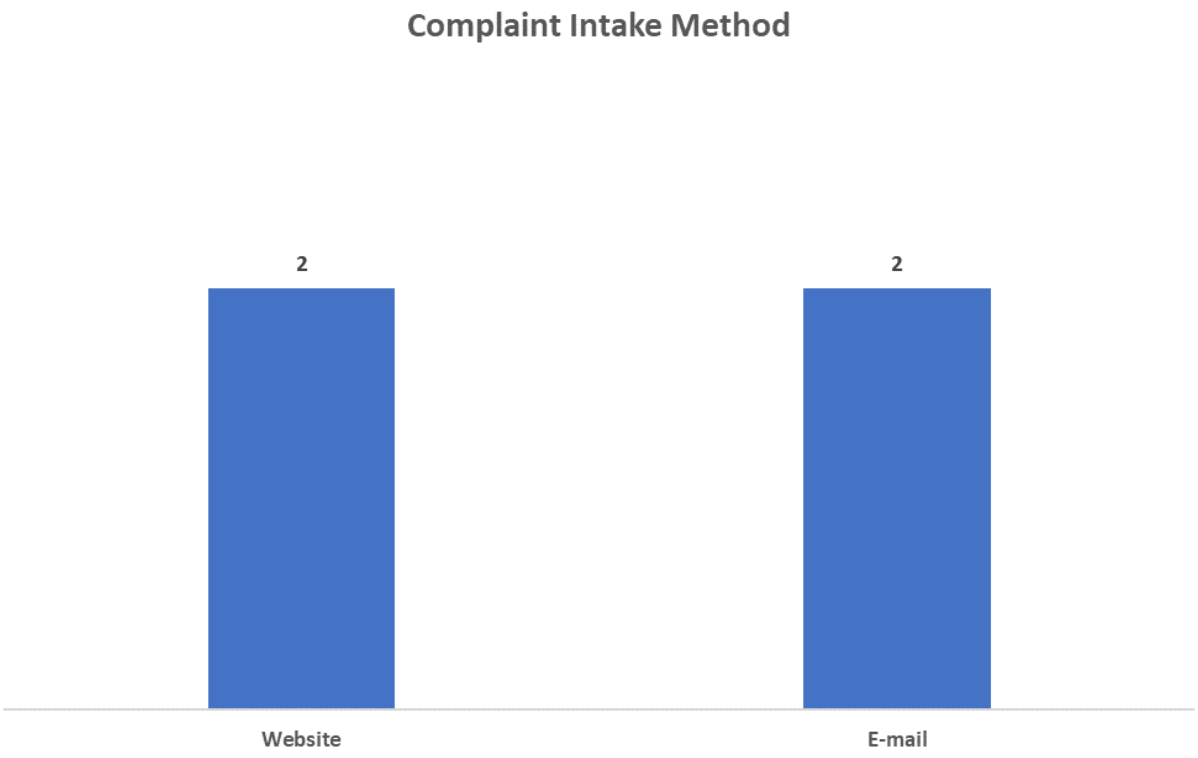
Organizational Development and Strategic Alignment

During October, the PAB continued efforts to strengthen internal operations, leadership accountability, and coordination across divisions. Priorities included refining divisional responsibilities, improving project management and reporting practices, and developing a more coordinated approach to communicating the agency's policy assessment work to the public.

These efforts collectively reflect the PAB's commitment to strengthening its institutional effectiveness, advancing systemic accountability, and maintaining meaningful engagement with the community despite the legal challenges affecting its original mandate.

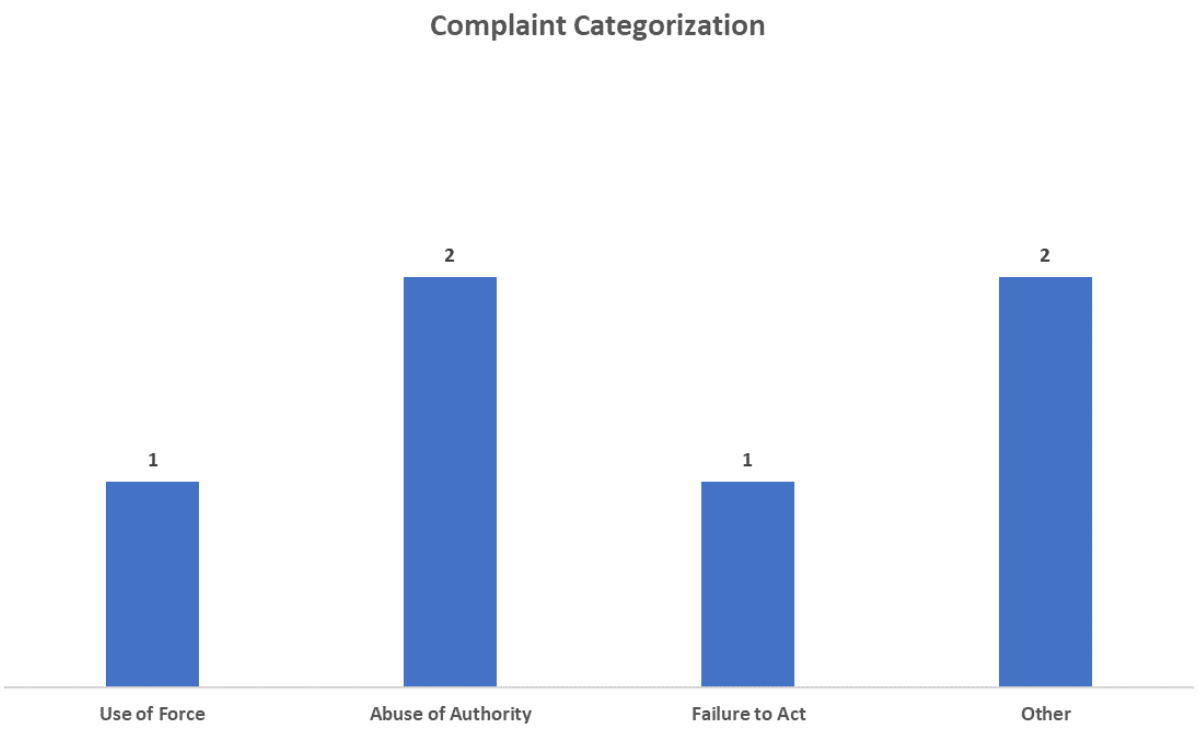
CASE MANAGEMENT

In October 2026, the PAB received 4 complaints from community members concerning the practices of the Rochester Police Department ("RPD").



Of the 4 complaints received in October 2026, 2 were submitted directly through the PAB's website and 2 via email. No other means of submission were used, and no complaints were transmitted from the RPD Professional Standards Section ("PSS"), which serves as the Department's internal affairs unit. The 4 complaint included allegations of Use of Force, Abuse of Authority, and Failure to Act.

CASE MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)



Note: *A single complaint can be assigned to multiple categories, depending on the substance of the associated incident. For example, a complainant may allege both Discourtesy and Use of Force during an interaction with the RPD, as well as recommend a change to RPD policy. In such a case, the complaint would be associated with all applicable categories. As a result, the total number of complaint categories may be greater than the number of complaints received during the month. For more information regarding complaint categories, please see the definitions at the conclusion of the report.*

POLICY & OVERSIGHT DIVISION

As an evolving effort within the Policy and Oversight Division, our redefined policy assessments have enabled us to pinpoint topical concerns and points of interest from multiple perspectives. These assessments grant us the flexibility to engage not only with local public safety priorities, but also with national and international issues that carry implications for our day-to-day experiences.

In October, we finalized a comprehensive issue brief authored by Sara Jenks focused on **Automatic License Plate Readers** (ALPRs). While the PAB confirmed that the Rochester Police Department does not currently use ALPRs, City Council continues to discuss their potential implementation. This brief offers insightful analysis regarding camera-based device functionality, privacy concerns and constitutional rights, data collection risks and errors, device and data governance, and includes relevant mini case studies. We look forward to making this brief publicly accessible on the agency's website.

Another major collaborative project currently underway is the modernization of our **Complaint Intake Process and System**. With input from all PAB divisions, we are upgrading our infrastructure to optimize trend analysis, capture actionable data, and build a trust-based framework with all stakeholders involved in how we receive and manage complaints. This updated process takes a holistic approach to the individual sharing the complaint, ensuring we actively leverage partnerships with other City offices and local agencies to provide comprehensive support services. Ultimately, this approach fosters a collective, inclusive mindset toward public safety in our community.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DIVISION

Community engagement remains a core function of the PAB's mission to promote transparency, accountability, and public trust. Through outreach, public education, relationship-building, and participation in community events, the PAB seeks to ensure that residents understand the Board's role, are aware of available reporting options, and have meaningful opportunities to share concerns, experiences, and recommendations related to policing and public safety. Community feedback gathered through these efforts helps inform the PAB's policy oversight work, public education initiatives, and recommendations for systemic reform.

In October 2026, the Community Engagement Team participated in 11 outreach and engagement activities throughout the City of Rochester, reaching 748 community members. These efforts are consistent with our mission to ensure that the people of Rochester are educated on their rights, the policy findings produced to date, and the importance of their input in shaping the future of the PAB.

Name	Address	Event Type	Date	Contacts
CCA 20th Anniversary	130 Andrews St, Rochester, NY 14604	Network/Tabling	10/1/2026	38
HBCU Football Classic	460 Oak Street, Rochester, NY 14608	Intro/Relationship	10/3/2026	478
YWCA Luncheon	123 E Main St, Rochester, NY 14604	Network/Tabling	10/6/2026	74
Urban League Outreach	373 Genesee St, Rochester, NY 14611	Info/Marketing Distribution	10/7/2026	22
ABC Coalition Meeting	400 West Ave, Rochester, NY 14611	Intro/Relationship	10/8/2026	12
World Homelessness Day	115 South Ave, Rochester, NY 14604	Network/Tabling	10/9/2026	54
Trillium Pantry & Case Management	259 Monroe Ave, Rochester, NY 14607	Intro/Relationship	10/14/2026	1
Teen Empowerment Collaboration	373 Genesee St, Rochester, NY 14611	Know Your Rights	10/19/2026	4
Urban League Outreach	923 Genesee St, Rochester NY 14611	Info/Marketing Distribution	10/21/2026	19
PIC Team Community Engagement Meeting	41 Backus St, Rochester, NY 14608	Intro/Relationship	10/21/2026	35
NAACP Monthly Meeting	33 Dr Samuel McCree Way, Rochester, NY 14608	Intro/Relationship	10/24/2026	11
Total Contacts:				**748**