

Police Accountability Board - Regular Board Meeting**Date: September 3, 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: September 3, 2026****Start Time: 6:04 PM****End Time: 6:54 PM**

- **Board Members Present:**
 - A.J. Durwin, Chair
 - Arlene Brown (announced resignation effective end of business September 4, 2026)
 - William G. Clark
 - Larry Knox
 - Reverend Keith Patterson
 - Catherine Thomas
 - Yvonne Wilson
- **Board Members Absent/Excused:**
 - Lwam Tecleab, Vice Chair
- **Staff Members Present:**
 - Dr. Lesli C. Myers-Small, Executive Director
 - Brittaney Wells, Deputy Executive Director
 - Kevin Rambold, General Counsel
 - Delores Ivey-Paige, Operations Director
 - Dr. Ashley Campbell, Interim Policy and Oversight Director
 - Leslie Green, Executive Assistant
- **Staff Members Absent/Excused:**
 - Brianna Milon
- **ASL Interpreters:**
 - Jim Brown – Sign Language Connection (SLC)
 - Shannon Tracy was scheduled but unable to attend. Walton (SLC)

I. Call to Order & Welcome (6:06 PM)

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Board Chair Durwin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., conducted the roll call, and invited Board members to introduce themselves. A quorum was established. Upon introduction, Board Member Arlene Brown announced that this would be her final Board meeting, as she would retire from the PAB Board effective Friday, September 4, 2026. Board members recognized Brown for her six years of service and expressed their appreciation for her contributions to the PAB.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes (6:07 PM)

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 6, 2026 meeting. Board Member Yvonne Wilson moved to approve the minutes, and Board Member Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Executive Director's Report (6:08 PM)

Executive Director Dr. Lesli Myers-Small provided an overview of key agency activities and accomplishments during August. She highlighted the PAB's continued focus on community engagement, organizational development, data access, legislative strategy, and advancement of the New York State Civilian Oversight Consortium.

Dr. Myers-Small reported that the Community Engagement Division participated in 26 community events, resulting in 1,747 resident engagements during the month.

She also provided an update on the New York State Civilian Oversight Consortium. Following receipt of the draft affiliate agreement, General Counsel Kevin Rambold and Staff Attorney Hojin Choi reviewed the document and proposed revisions as the PAB works toward finalizing the agreement and moving from the Consortium's development phase toward implementation.

Dr. Myers-Small further discussed the PAB's ongoing efforts to strengthen and institutionalize the agency amid legal, staffing, and organizational changes. These efforts include advancing the 2027–2029 Strategic Plan, strengthening key performance indicators (KPIs), establishing clearer divisional ownership and accountability, and developing more intentional monthly and quarterly reporting.

Finally, she noted continued work related to RPD data access and the PAB's legislative strategy, both of which remain important to strengthening the agency's systemic oversight work.

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Board Discussion

Board Chair Durwin asked for additional information regarding the PAB's ongoing data access discussions, including whether future access might allow the PAB to download information. He also asked when the next meeting of the New York State Civilian Oversight Consortium would be scheduled.

Dr. Myers-Small responded that the parameters for data access are still being developed and emphasized the PAB's goal of approaching the process collaboratively, transparently, and with a focus on problem-solving. She also invited Board members to identify any data-access priorities they would like considered as discussions continue.

Regarding the Consortium, Dr. Myers-Small shared that a date for the next meeting had not yet been established. Dr. Ashley Campbell and Deputy Executive Director Brittaney Wells are compiling and finalizing survey results, which will help inform the Consortium's next meeting.

Board Member Larry Knox noted that, as the PAB continues developing its legislative strategy, this would be an opportune time to engage members of the local legislative delegation and explore opportunities for the PAB and the Consortium to participate in or present during the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus Weekend in Albany in February 2027.

IV. Departmental Updates / Reports (6:32 PM)**Legal Division**

General Counsel Kevin Rambold provided an update on the work of the Legal Division. He reported that the Legislative Affairs Committee held meetings on August 4 and August 27, as the PAB continues to develop its legislative strategy and advance the work of the Committee.

Rambold also discussed ongoing conversations with City stakeholders regarding the PAB's authority under the Charter in light of recent court decisions. He noted that these discussions have focused on how the PAB can continue to carry out its remaining responsibilities related to reviewing RPD policies, procedures, patterns,

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and practices, including determining what information and data may appropriately be requested to support systemic oversight. The parameters for access to information, including body-worn camera information where appropriate, continue to be discussed.

Policy & Oversight Division

The Executive Director reported that updates from the Policy & Oversight Division had been incorporated into the Executive Director's Report to avoid duplication.

Dr. Myers-Small also advised the Board that, beginning with the October Board meeting, each division will provide a quarterly update to the Board. These presentations will provide Board members with a more comprehensive understanding of divisional priorities, accomplishments, progress toward key performance indicators, emerging issues, and upcoming work.

V. Chairperson's Report (6:38 PM)

The Chairperson's Report was presented in conjunction with the Legislative Affairs update.

VI. Committee Reports (6:40 PM)**Legislative Affairs Committee**

Chair Durwin provided an update on the newly established Legislative Affairs Committee.

- Chair Durwin reported that a committee meeting had been scheduled for August 27; however, the Committee did not have a quorum and therefore could not conduct official business. Committee members did meet informally with representatives of the Alliance for a general discussion.
- Chair Durwin discussed the Committee's interest in monitoring state-level legislation related to policing and civilian oversight, including proposed legislation addressing the duty to report unauthorized use of force, law

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enforcement reporting requirements concerning misconduct allegations and outcomes, and civilian involvement in disciplinary matters.

- Chair Durwin emphasized the importance of continued collaboration among the PAB, City Council, and law enforcement, as well as meaningful community engagement, as the Committee considers legislative issues related to the PAB's authority and broader police accountability.

Training Committee

The Training Committee reported that it reviewed and approved a training dashboard developed for Board members. Staff were recognized and thanked for their work in developing the dashboard.

The Committee also expressed interest in exploring additional training opportunities offered by the City and NACOLE during the 2027–28 fiscal year.

Youth & Community Engagement Committee

Board Member Wilson reported that, following conversations with Vice Chair Tecleab and Deputy Executive Director Brittaney Wells, the Committee plans to meet later this month. Additional updates are anticipated in October.

VII. Old Business (6:44 PM)

There was no old business to discuss.

VIII. New Business (6:44 PM)

Chair Durwin announced the retirement of Board Member Arlene Brown following six years of dedicated service to the Police Accountability Board. Her departure leaves two community-designated seats vacant. Community members interested in Board service were encouraged to contact the PAB Alliance, which is responsible for selecting representatives for these seats. Community Engagement and Public Affairs staff were also encouraged to refer interested community members to the Alliance.

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During the discussion, a Board member also suggested that greater attention be given to highlighting the positive work of police officers as a way to encourage young people to consider careers in law enforcement.

IX. Executive Session (6:54 PM)

Chair Durwin called for a motion to enter Executive Session. No motion was made, and the Board did not enter Executive Session.

X. Meeting Close (6:54 PM)

Chair Durwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Knox and approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2026, in City Council Chambers, Rochester City Hall, 30 Church Street, 3rd Floor, Rochester, New York.

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