



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
April 26, 2021**

The PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE convened virtually in a regular meeting on April 26, 2021 at 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison called the committee meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison, Vice Chair Casar, Committee Member Kelly, and Mayor Adler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Sponsors: Mayor Pro Tem Natasha Harper-Madison and Council Member Gregorio Casar

The motion approving the minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting of the Public Safety Committee was passed on Committee Member Kelly's motion, seconded by Vice Chair Casar, without objection with a 3-0 vote.

BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION

2. Briefing and discussion on the Austin-Area Wildfire Hub, in response to the Wildfire Preparedness Audit Report, October 2019.

Sponsors: Mayor Pro Tem Natasha Harper-Madison and Council Member Gregorio Casar

Fire Chief Joel Baker, Assistant Fire Chief Rob Vires, Assistant Chief Andre De La Reza, and Fire Division Chief Carrie Stewart spoke on the subject.

3. Update on Joint Memorandum from the Austin Police Department and Office of Police Oversight on improvements to police misconduct investigations and processes.

Sponsors: Council Member Gregorio Casar and Mayor Pro Tem Natasha Harper-Madison

Acting Police Chief Joseph Chacon and Director of the Office of Police Oversight Farah Muscadin spoke on the subject.

4. Update on the Austin Police Department's District Representative program.

Acting Police Chief Joseph Chacon and Police Lieutenant Lawrence Davis spoke on the subject.

Sponsors: Mayor Pro Tem Natasha Harper-Madison and Council Member Gregorio Casar

5. Briefing and discussion on diversity in the Austin Fire Department recruitment process.

Sponsors: Mayor Pro Tem Natasha Harper-Madison and Council Member Gregorio Casar

Fire Chief Joel Baker, Assistant Fire Chief Rob Vires, Assistant Fire Chief Richard Davis, Fire Lieutenant Aaron Nunez and Fire Battalion Chief Bob Nicks spoke on the subject.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the July 19, 2021 meeting of the Public Safety Committee on Committee Member Kelly's motion, seconded by Vice Chair Casar, without objection with a 3-0 vote. Mayor Adler was off the dais.