



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
September 20, 2021**

The PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE convened in a regular, hybrid meeting format on September 20, 2021 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison called the committee meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison, Vice Chair Casar, and Committee Member Kelly. Mayor Adler was off the dais.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve minutes of the July 19, 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 July 19, 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.**

**BRIEFINGS**

2. Briefing on Austin Police Department post-protest complaints.

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

**Office of Police Oversight Director Farah Muscadin and Assistant Police Chief Troy Gay spoke on the subject.**

3. Briefing on Dispatch Equity and Optimization Efficiency Study final report and recommendations.

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

**Chief Medical Office Director Dr. Mark Escott, Assistant City Manager Rey Arellano, EMS Assistant Chief Jasper Brown, and Fire Chief Joel Baker spoke on the subject.**

4. Briefing on HB 1535 regarding medical use of low-THC cannabis in certain patients, including City employees.

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

**Assistant City Manager Rey Arellano, Intergovernmental Relations Officer Brie Franco, Human Resources Department Director Joya Hayes, EMS Assistant Chief Jasper Brown, Assistant Police Chief Troy Gay, and Fire Chief Joel Baker spoke on the subject.**

## **ADJOURN**

**Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.**

These minutes were approved at the November 22, 2021 Special Called Meeting of the Public Safety Committee on Committee Member Kelly's motion, seconded by Vice Chair Casar, without objection, with a 4-0 vote.