



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 4, 2024**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular called meeting on Monday, March 4, 2024, at City Hall Building, Boards and Commissions Room, 301 W 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Ramírez called the Public Safety Commission Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Nelly Paulina Ramírez, Chair
Rebecca Bernhardt, Vice-Chair
David Holmes
Pierre Nguyễn
Kristy Orr
Angelica Reyes
Timothy Ruttan

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Yasmine Smith

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Stephanie Ryan – support for APD

Ruth Moonesinghe – death of her son, Raj Moonesinghe

Carlos Leon – APD and CapMetro complaints

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Public Safety Commission regular meeting on February 5, 2024.

The minutes from the meeting of 02/05/2024, were approved on Commissioner Bernhardt's motion, Commissioner Nguyễn's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Hall-Martin and Hermesmeier were absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation by Teresa Gardner, Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services (ATCEMS) Chief of Staff regarding the Austin Travis County EMS Quarterly Report.

Presentation was given by Stephen White, Acting Assistant Chief of Integrated Services.

3. Presentations by Chief of Staff Jeff Greenwalt, Austin Police Department; Chief of Staff Teresa Gardner, Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services; and Chief of Staff Rob Vire, Austin Fire Department; Texas Harm Reduction Alliance and Vocal Texas on opioid use hot spots, prevention, and education efforts.

Presentations were given by Stephen White, EMS Acting Assistant Chief of Integrated Services; Angela Carr, EMS Division Chief; Mike Sasser, EMS Captain; Cate Graziani, Vocal Texas; and Gaby Libretti, Texas Harm Reduction Alliance.

Commissioner Smith requested EMS follow up to include:

- geographical locations of the Pop Up Resource Clinics (PURC) and their outreach strategies**
- a map of the interventions administered through the Buprenorphine Bridge Program (BBP)**
- zip code data for where the rescue kits are distributed and where Narcan is administered prior to EMS arrival**
- data included on the Austin Public Health Opioid Overdose Dashboard for overdose calls that result in an arrest**

4. Presentations by Chief of Staff Jeff Greenwalt, Austin Police Department; Chief of Staff Teresa Gardner, Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services; and Chief of Staff Rob Vire, Austin Fire Department regarding electronic payroll system rollout.

Presentations were given by Jeff Greenwalt, Chief of Staff, Austin Police Department; Stephen White, Acting Assistant Chief of Integrated Services, Austin Travis County EMS; and Andre DeLaReza, Assistant Chief, Austin Fire Department.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Approve a Recommendation for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

The motion to approve Recommendation 20240304-005, Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Cycle, was approved on Vice Chair Bernhardt's motion, Commissioner Nguyễn's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Hall-Martin and Hermesmeier were absent.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

6. Collective Sex Crimes Response Model (CSCRM) Working Group update on project status and Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Unmet Needs budget requests.

Chair Ramírez provided an update.

7. Public Safety Wellness Center Working Group update on a tour of the facility.

Commissioner Nguyễn provided an update.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Opioid Overdose Crisis Update (Vice Chair Bernhardt, Chair Ramírez)

Public Health Commission Joint Meeting (Vice Chair Bernhardt, Chair Ramírez)

Render Aid Protocols (Chair Ramírez, Vice Chair Bernhardt)

Virtual Magistration Pilot Update (Chair Ramírez, Vice Chair Bernhardt)

Chair Ramírez adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the April 1, 2024 meeting on Commissioner Holmes' motion, Commissioner Nguyễn's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Bernhardt and Ruttan were off the dais. Commissioner Orr was absent.