



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 1, 2024**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular called meeting on Monday, April 1, 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 4:02 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Nelly Paulina Ramírez, Chair
Rebecca Bernhardt, Vice-Chair
Cory Hall-Martin
Paul Hermesmeier
David Holmes
Pierre Nguyễn
Angelica Reyes
Timothy Ruttan

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Yasmine Smith

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Public Safety Commission regular meeting on March 4, 2024.

The minutes from the meeting of 03/04/2024, were approved 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Public Safety Quarterly Report, Austin Police Department

Presentation was given by Jeff Greenwalt, Assistant Chief, Austin Police Department.

3. Overview of Downtown Austin Community Court and Mobile Court Pilot Program from Robert Kingham, Court Administrator and Christopher Anderson, Court Operations Manager.

Presentations were given by Robert Kingham, Court Administrator, and Christopher Anderson, Court Operations Manager, Downtown Austin Community Court.

Commissioner Ruttan requested data to justify a budget increase to fund positions and increase service hours at the DACC. Robert Kingham will work on providing data from ECHO.

Chair Ramírez asked for the budget recommendation from the DACC Advisory Board be shared with the Public Safety Commission.

4. Update on the Biannual Wildfire Readiness provided by Division Chief Carrie Stewart and Wildfire Mitigation Officer Justice Jones of the Austin Fire Department.

Presentations were given by Jeff Kennedy, Assistant Chief, and Justice Jones, Wildfire Mitigation Officer, Austin Fire Department.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Conduct officer elections for the Chair and Vice Chair.

The motion to approve Commissioner Ruttan as Vice Chair was made by Commissioner Nguyễn and seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt, approved on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Orr was absent.

The motion to approve Commissioner Ramírez as Chair was made by Commissioner Ramírez and seconded by Commissioner Hall-Martin, approved on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Orr was absent.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

6. CSCRM Joint Working Group update on Commission for Women's recommendation and status.

Chair Ramírez provided an update.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Virtual Magistration Pilot Update with Austin Municipal Court (Chair Ramírez, Vice Chair Bernhardt)

Forensic Nursing Program (Chair Ramírez, Vice Chair Bernhardt)

C4 – Collaborative Care Communication Center (Chair Ramírez)

APD and Seniors Community Outreach Event Update (Commissioner Nguyễn)

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