



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

**The minutes were approved at the 5/6/2024 meeting on Commissioner Bernhardt's motion, Commissioner Hall-Martin's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Orr and Sierra-Arévalo were off the dais. Commissioners Nguyễn, Reyes and Ruttan were absent.**