



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 2, 2024**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular called meeting on Monday, December 2, 2024, at Austin City Hall, 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
Timothy Ruttan, Vice Chair
Rebecca Bernhardt
Enrique Duran II

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

David Holmes
Pierre Nguyễn
Michael Sierra-Arévalo

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Stephanie Ryan – A thank you to APD and crime reduction strategies.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Public Safety Commission regular meeting on November 4, 2024. **The minutes of the Public Safety Commission regular meeting on November 4, 2024, were approved on Vice Chair Ruttan’s motion, Commissioner Duran’s second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Nguyễn was off the dais. Commissioners Hermesmeier, Orr, and Smith were absent.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion of commissioner appointments in 2025, the holdover capacity, and quorum for the Public Safety Commission.
Discussed.
3. Public Safety Quarterly Report, Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services Department.

The presentation was made by Wesley Hopkins, Chief of Staff, Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services Department.

4. Presentation regarding Public Safety Department mental health services and support for sworn staff.

The presentation was made by Heather Arispe, Public Safety Wellness Administrator, Austin Fire Department; Kachina Clark, Police Division Manager – Victim Services/Employee Wellness, Austin Police Department; Jennifer Smith, Sergeant, Austin Police Department; Connie Geerhart, Employee Wellness Program Manager, Austin Police Department; James Mason, Assistant Chief, Austin Police Department; Wesley Hopkins, Chief of Staff, Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services Department; Tom Vocke, Assistant Chief, Austin Fire Department.

5. Presentation regarding Public Safety Department demographics and diversification efforts.

The presentation was made by James Mason, Assistant Chief, Austin Police Department; Wesley Hopkins, Chief of Staff, Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services Department; Tom Vocke, Assistant Chief, Austin Fire Department.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Approve a Public Safety Commissioner to serve on the Downtown Commission as a non-voting member per City Code 2-1-140-C.

The motion to approve Chair Ramírez to serve on the Downtown Commission as a non-voting member was approved on Chair Ramírez’s motion, Vice Chair Ruttan’s second, on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Hermesmeier, Orr, and Smith were absent.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

7. Update from the Collective Sex Crimes Response Model (CSCRM) Working Group on the plan for sexual assault data reporting.

Chair Ramírez provided an update.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Office of Violence Prevention

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Update on G File Access (Bernhardt, Ramírez)

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramírez adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m. without objection.

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