



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 6, 2025**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular called meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025, at City of Austin Permitting and Development Center, Room 1405, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Ramírez called the Public Safety Commission Meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

- Nelly Paulina Ramírez, Chair
- Timothy Ruttan, Vice Chair
- Michael Sierra-Arévalo

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

- Enrique Duran II
- Pierre Nguyễn
- Yasmine Smith

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Ryan Saunders– Neighbor noise issues and complaint process.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Public Safety Commission regular meeting on December 2, 2024. **The motion to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Commission regular meeting on December 2, 2024, failed on Vice Chair Ruttan’s motion, Commissioner Sierra-Arévalo’s second on a 5-0 vote. Commissioner Smith abstained. Commissioners Bernhardt, Holmes, and Orr were absent.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Public Safety Quarterly Report, Austin Police Department. **The presentation was made by Robin Henderson, Chief of Staff, Austin Police Department.**

Commissioner Smith requested data on how the APD Cadet graduation rates compare to averages of similar cities.

3. Presentation regarding the inclement winter weather plans including communication and partnerships with area organizations. Presentation by Bill Wilson, Interim Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

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Commissioner Smith requested data on unhoused persons receiving digital communications.

4. Presentation regarding the work of the Office of Violence Prevention, including partnerships with public safety agencies and review of the Gun Violence Problem Analysis. Presentation by Michelle Myles, Senior Business Process Consultant, Austin Public Health.

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion of City of Austin Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Budget timeline and process and formation of a working group to draft budget recommendations.

Postponed without objection.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Inclement weather update from both HSEM and HSO. (Smith)

Recommendation to request a biannual update presentation from HSEM. (Ramírez)

Staffing report (Ramírez)

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramírez adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the February 3, 2025, meeting on Commissioner Sierra-Arévalo's motion, Commissioner Duran's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Bernhardt was off the dais. Commissioner Orr was absent.