



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 2, 2025**

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular called meeting on Monday, June 2, 2025, 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 4:17 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Nelly Paulina Ramírez, Chair
Rebecca Bernhardt
Enrique Duran II
Pierre Nguyễn

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Kimberly Hidrogo
Kristy Orr
Yasmine Smith

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Rubén Rivera Clemente – Harassment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Public Safety Commission regular meeting on May 5, 2025.
The motion to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Commission regular meeting on May 5, 2025, failed on Commissioner Nguyễn’s motion, Commissioner Bernhardt’s second on a 5-0 vote. Commissioner Smith abstained. Vice Chair Ruttan, Commissioners Carroll, Holmes, and Sierra-Arévalo were absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. 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.
3. Discussion of current bylaws and update from the Bylaws Working Group on possible changes and next steps.

Withdrawn.

4. Discussion of the Office of the City Auditor’s audit and report of the Austin Police Department recruiting and hiring. Presentation by the Office of the City Auditor and Austin Police Department.
The presentation was made by Corrie Stokes, City Auditor, Office of the City Auditor and Robin Henderson, Chief of Staff, Austin Police Department.
5. Discussion of the Office of the City Auditor’s audit and report of automated license plate reader program. Presentation by the Office of the City Auditor and Austin Police Department.
The presentation was made by Corrie Stokes, City Auditor, Office of the City Auditor, Jacob Perry, Auditor II, Office of the City Auditor, Robin Henderson, Chief of Staff, Austin Police Department, and Lee Knouse, Sergeant, Austin Police Department.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Approve a Recommendation to Council to halt the automated license plate reader program while conducting a full audit and report to share with City Council and the Public Safety Commission and securing data in accordance with Resolutions 20220915-056 and 20230608-085.

The motion to approve the recommendation was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt.

The motion to amend the recommendation was motioned by Chair Ramírez and seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt.

The amendment was to replace “75 million” with “117 million” in the second to last Whereas clause.

The amendment was approved on a 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Ruttan, Commissioners Carroll, Holmes, and Sierra-Arévalo were absent.

The motion to approve the recommendation as amended was approved on Commissioner Smith’s motion, Commissioner Bernhardt’s second, on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Duran abstained. Vice Chair Ruttan, Commissioners Carroll, Holmes, and Sierra-Arévalo were absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramírez adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the July 7, 2025, meeting on Vice Chair Ruttan’s motion, Commissioner Bernhardt’s second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Nguyễn, Orr, and Sierra-Arévalo were absent.