PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, October 5, 2026, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Duran called the Public Safety Commission Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:
Enrique Duran II, Chair
Denise Eger
Timothy Ruttan
Kimberly Hidrogo

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Nelly Paulina Ramírez, Vice Chair
Daniel Godwin
David Holmes
Michael Sierra-Arévalo
Yasmine Smith

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting on September 8, 2026.
   The minutes from the Public Safety Commission regular meeting on September 8, 2026 were approved on Chair Duran's motion, Commissioner Ruttan's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Sierra-Arévalo abstained. Commissioner Bernhardt was absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Quarterly Report with Austin Police Department. Presented by Lee Rogers, Chief of Staff, Austin Police.
   The presentation was made by Lee Rogers, Chief of Staff, Austin Police.

3. Discussion regarding Austin Fire Department's new staffing model. Presentation by Mark Bridges, Division Chief, Austin Fire.
The presentation was made Mark Bridges, Division Chief, Austin Fire, and Jeffrey Kennedy, Interim Chief of Staff, Austin Fire.

4. Discussion regarding Public Safety scheduling and workload. Presentation by Lee Rogers, Chief of Staff, Austin Police, Wesley Hopkins, Chief of Staff, Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services, Kevin Parker, Assistant Chief, Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services, Jeffrey Kennedy, Interim Chief of Staff, Austin Fire.
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DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Approve a recommendation to Council regarding public safety surveillance technology and data sharing.
Withdrawn without objection.

Approve Nomination…
The nomination of [Board Member/Commissioner] [Name] as a member of the Joint Sustainability Committee was approved on [Board Member/Commissioner] [Name]'s motion, [Board Member/Commissioner] [Name]'s second on a [vote count] vote.

6. Approve the 2027 annual schedule of the Public Safety Commission.
The motion to approve the 2027 annual schedule of the Public Safety Commission was approved as amended with the following amendments:

~~**July 5th**~~ **– July 6th**
~~**September 6th**~~ **– September 7th**

The annual schedule was approved as amended on Chair Duran's motion, Commissioner Ruttan's second, on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Bernhardt was absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

AFD Quarterly Report

Collective Sex Crime Response Model Biannual Data Share

Discussion of Police Academy performance metrics and update on progress

Discussion of potential policy recommendation around recent events in Austin related to public safety

Chair Duran adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the November 2, 2026 meeting on Chair Duran's motion, Commissioner Ruttan's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Alvi abstained. Commissioner Smith was absent.