



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 3, 2015**

The Public Safety Commission convened a regular meeting on Monday, August 3, 2015 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Brian Manley, Chief of Staff, Austin Police Dept. called the Board Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Kim Rossmo, Chair	Sam Holt
Michael Levy, Vice Chair	Daniela Nunez
Rebecca Gonzales	Ed Scruggs
Brain Haley	Rebecca Webber
John Hernandez	William Worsham

Board Member not in Attendance:

Ernest Pedraza

Staff in Attendance:

Brian Manley, Chief of Staff, Austin Police Department
James Shamard, Chief of Staff, Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services
Brian Tanzola, Assistant Chief, Austin Fire Department
Janet Jackson, Constituent Liaison, Austin Police Department

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes for the regular meeting on 6/01/2015 were approved on Commissioner Levy’s motion, Commission Webber second and a vote of 10-0. Commissioner Pedraza was not in attendance.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Paul Bury, President of Greater Austin Crime Commission commented on their report “Police Force Strength Analysis and Assessment” dated August 2015. Based on data collected in this report the Greater Austin Crime Commission supports additional officers for the Austin Police Department.
- Alan Roddy, Citizen and former member of Lake Austin Task Force spoke on clarifying LCRA’s position on the “50-Foot No Wake Zone”.
- Tony Marquardt, President of Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services Association asked the new board to make EMS staffing a priority agenda item in the future. In addition to the staffing issue, Tony reminded the board that the search for a new Medical Director for EMS would begin soon and encouraged the board to start thinking about the process that will be used to select a new director.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

- Chief Manley led the introductions and Assistant Chief Shamard and Brian Tanzola followed. Each board member introduced him or herself and shared about their career history.

4. PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION

- Chief Manley quoted the purpose of the PSC Commission and shared that the purpose could also be found on the Boards and Commissions website. Board members were told where to find PSC webpage. He mentioned that all of the previous meeting agendas, minutes, and video links are on the webpage should the Board want to review any of the past actions and decisions taken by the Public Safety Commission. Chief Manley discussed areas where the Public Safety Commission would be involved such as the budget, recommendations to Council and/or Council Committee, business plans for all three departments and Special Events funding. Examples of previous agenda items that staff from all three departments were involved in briefing the board; Body Cameras, EMS Overtime and Wildfires. The Public Safety Commission serves as an advisory body to the Austin Police Dept., Emergency Medical Services, and Austin Fire Department. The executive staff liaisons' role is to be responsible for providing answers or researching answers and follow up with the board.
- Chief Manley informed the group that Commissioner Pedraza has resigned from the Public Safety Commission and Council Member Garza will appoint a replacement.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Discussion was held on the structure of the PSC as to whether they would have 1,2, or 3 Vice Chairs. Commissioner Holt motioned to vote for 3 Vice Chairs and Commissioner Hernandez second the motion. Prior to the vote, Commissioner Rossmo asked for a friendly amendment to canvass each board member on their preference of 3 or 1 Vice Chairs. The vote for three Vice Chairs failed with a vote of 4 to 6. Commissioner Haley made a motion to continue with the 1 Vice Chair and Commissioner Nunez second the motion. The motion passed with a 9-1 vote.
- Commissioner Levy nominated Commissioner Rossmo for Chair of the Public Safety Commission and Commissioner Holt second the motion. Commissioner Rossmo was elected with a unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Levy nominated Commissioner Webber for Vice Chair and Commissioner Haley second. Commissioner Holt nominated Commissioner Levy for Vice Chair and he respectfully declined. Commissioner Webber was elected by a unanimous vote.

6. DISCUSSION OF NEW AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Rossmo asked the commissioners to remember if they suggest an agenda item that they are the point of contact for the items. The PSC Agenda is posted on Friday afternoon by 3pm and no additions to the agenda can be made after that time.

Commissioner Levy suggested agenda items for future meetings; traffic fatalities, wildland fires, and EMS workloads/overtime.

Commissioner Scruggs requested an agenda item for the status of training for APD officers on the new Open Carry Law on college campus.

Commissioner Rossmo also requested to have the Greater Austin Crime Commission's Report as a future agenda item.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Commissioner Rossmo adjourned the meeting at 6:05p.m. without objection. (No motion, second or vote is required to adjourn the meeting unless there is an objection to adjourning.)