

MINUTES

Public Safety Commission Meeting

September 6, 2024

Austin, TX

The Public Safety Commission met in Austin, Texas on September 6, 2024, at 10 a.m. for a special meeting. Attending the meeting were Chairman Steven Mach, Commissioners Nelda Blair, Dan Hord III, Larry Long, and Steven Stodghill. A quorum was present.

I. **Call to Order**

Chairman Mach called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Proper notice was posted.

II. **New Business**

Discussion and possible action regarding establishment of process to select new Executive Director including consideration of selection criteria, selection of subcommittee of commission to screen, vet, and make periodic reports and recommendations to the Public Safety Commission regarding potential candidates and consideration of any other matter relevant to the selection process.

III. **Adjourn into Executive Session**

Executive Session began at 10:01 a.m. The Commission adjourned into executive session to consult with legal counsel to receive legal advice on the item posted on this agenda and to deliberate on personnel matters pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

The Public Safety Commission reconvened in open session at 11:32 a.m. Chairman Steven Mach and Commissioners Nelda Blair, Dan Hord III, Larry Long, and Steven Stodghill were present. A quorum was present.

II. **New Business**

Agenda item returned to after executive session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Hord, to approve the following minimum requirements to be considered for the position of Director of DPS:

- A minimum of five years' experience as:
 - Senior management level executive of a local or state agency who supervises at least 1,000 commissioned officers;

- Senior management level executive of a federal agency who supervises at least 1,000 special agents; or
- DPS rank of Regional Director or higher.
- Graduation from an accredited 4-year college or university with significant course work in related field.
- Ability to obtain and maintain a security clearance granted by the United States government.
- Must be eligible for commissioning as law enforcement officer through Texas Commission on Law Enforcement within one year of appointment.
- Ability to pass DPS physical fitness requirements.
- Ability to pass a DPS background investigation including polygraph.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hord, seconded by Commissioner Long, to seek resumes and detailed letters of interest from potential candidates for the position of Director and that the Commission accept expressions of interest for four weeks, until October 4, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Hord that a sub-committee consisting of Chairman Mach and Commissioner Blair be authorized to vet initial expressions of interest, communicate with candidates as necessary, make recommendations regarding interviews with the full commission, work with staff and authorize expenditures as necessary. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Read and approved this 10th day of October, 2024.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission