

MINUTES

Public Safety Commission Meeting

April 10, 2025

Austin, TX

The Public Safety Commission met in Austin, Texas on April 10, 2025, at 10 a.m. for its regular 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 (0:00:01)

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

II. Invocation (0:00:30)

Chaplain Ferman Carpenter provided the invocation.

III. Pledges (0:02:00)

Trooper Josh Mabry led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flag.

IV. Approval of Minutes (0:02:40)

The minutes of the Discharge Hearing held on February 12, 2025, and the last regular meeting held on February 13, 2025, were approved.

V. Presentations (0:03:15)

30 Year Service Award

Regional Director Gerald Brown

Ryan McKittrick

David Palmer

Rhonda Perry

Henry Scarbrough, Jr.

Chief Scotty Shiver

Don Stoner

Ricky White

Michael Wylie

35 Year Service Award

Elaine Dilligard

Colonel Freeman F. Martin

Sergio Ramirez, Jr.

40 Year Service Award

Doug Farber

50 Year Service Award

Mike Asby

Director's Citation

Wilfred B.J. Blanchard

Lifesaving & Director's Award

Jeffrey Galindo

Gerardo Guerrero Chaidez

Mark Strickland

Lifesaving Award

Mario "Tony" Aranda

Jose C. Garcia

Mark Jackson

Cody Helms

Joshua Nance

VI. Public Comment (0:30:20)

None.

VII. Director's Report**A. DPS Facilities Update (0:30:30)**

Infrastructure Operations Division Chief Jason Hester provided an update on facilities construction projects.

B. Colonel's Update (0:55:15)

Colonel Freeman F. Martin provided the Colonel's update.

VIII. New Business**A. Final Determination in Contested Cases – consideration and possible action on Proposals for Decision: (0:59:05)**

1. SOAH Docket No. 405-24-24255.MVI – H & L Auto Import
2. SOAH Docket No. 405-24-24261.MVI – Kwik Kar Lube & Tune
3. SOAH Docket No. 405-24-24411.MVI – Mohd Hamdan
4. SOAH Docket No. 405-24-24205.MVI – Platinum Autoplex and Juachi Mgborukwe
5. SOAH Docket No. 405-24-17662.PSB – Julius Patrick Merriweather

6. SOAH Docket No. 405-24-24204.PSB – Ashley Annette Garner
7. SOAH Docket No. 405-24-23309.PSB – Khari Deshun Brown
8. SOAH Docket No. 405-25-05232.PSB – Leon Francisco Czerny
9. SOAH Docket No. 405-25-06086.PSB – Juma Allen

General Counsel Phillip Adkins presented the proposal for decision for items (1)-(9). A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Long, to adopt the proposal for decision issued by the administrative law judge of the State Office of Administrative Hearings for items VIII(A)(1)-(9) as the final determination of the Public Safety Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Report, discussion, and possible action on the following rule proposals for publication to receive public comment: (1:01:25)

1. Proposed new 37 TAC Sections 28.211 – 28.215, concerning Texas Crime Laboratory Records Portal

Crime Laboratory Services Division Chief Brady Mills presented the rule proposal for item (1). A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Hord, to approve for publication in the Texas Register item VIII(B)(1). Motion passed unanimously.

C. Intelligence Threat Briefing (Clearance Required – Executive Session Expected)

IX. Ongoing Business

A. Report, discussion, and possible action regarding the modification of the DPS organizational structure and the appointment, promotion, ratification, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a member of the Department or Commission management team (1:03:40)

Colonel Martin made a recommendation to change the title of Regional Director to Region Chief. A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Hord, to change the title of Regional Director to Region Chief. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Report, discussion, and possible action regarding ongoing criminal investigations pursuant to Government Code § 411.0041 (Executive Session anticipated)

To be discussed during Executive Session.

X. Reports

A. Commission member reports and discussion (1:06:05)

None.

B. Finance Report (1:06:10)

None.

C. Chief Auditor's Office (1:06:15)

None.

D. Division status reports on activities and action (1:06:20)

None.

XI. Consent Items (1:06:25)

A. Advice and consent regarding Colonel's determination that certain probationary employees were found unsuitable for work during March 2025

B. Discussion and possible action on appointments of Special Rangers and Special Texas Rangers pursuant to Government Code Chapter 411, Secs. 411.023 and 411.024: Special Rangers: Dale Leslie Avant, Patrick Arthur Brennan, Justin Jack Chrane, Brian Matthew Frick, Hector Loera Garcia, Monica Renee Gill, Robert Renteria Guebara, Gabriel Friedrich Huber, David Jack Johnson, and Jay Mark Webster; and Special Texas Ranger: Jimmy Jay Schroeder

C. Report, discussion, and possible action on the Victim & Employee Support Services Other Victim Assistance Grant (OVAG) FY 2026 – FY 2027 Funding

D. Donations:

1. Texas Highway Patrol – DPSOA, prizes for the 2025 Javier Arana, Jr. Top Trooper Competition (two Smart TVs, two pistols, and eight Yeti Tumblers)
2. Additional donation items, as needed

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Long, to approve all consent items under XI(A)-(D). Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Items for Future Agenda (1:07:00)

None at this time.

XIII. Date for Future Meeting (1:07:10)

No discharge hearings will be scheduled for June 11, 2025; and the regular Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2025.

XIV. Adjourn into Executive Session (1:07:20)

Executive Session began at 11:16 a.m. The Commission adjourned into executive session to discuss security issues; to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or

contemplated litigation or settlement offers or to receive legal advice on items posted on this agenda; to deliberate regarding real estate matters; to consider any other items authorized by law, including personnel matters, the Director's action of discharging employees as identified in this agenda; and to discuss ongoing criminal investigations.

The Public Safety Commission reconvened in open session at 1:15 p.m. Chairman Steven Mach and Commissioners Nelda Blair, Dan Hord III, Larry Long, and Steven Stodghill were present. A quorum was present. (1:07:45)

XV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Read and approved this 12th day of June, 2025.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

DOCKET NO. 405-24-24255.MVI

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	§	BEFORE THE
SAFETY – PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	§	
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V.	§	STATE OF TEXAS
	§	
H & L AUTO IMPORT,	§	
VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

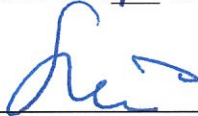
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The Commission, after review and due consideration of the Proposal for Decision, accepts the recommendation of the ALJ that H & L Auto Import's vehicle inspection station certification should be revoked and a \$500 administrative penalty should be assessed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the certification as a vehicle inspection station of H & L Auto Import is revoked and a \$500 administrative penalty is assessed.

SIGNED this 10th day of April 2025



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

DOCKET NO. 405-24-24261.MVI

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	§	BEFORE THE
SAFETY – PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	§	
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V.	§	STATE OF TEXAS
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KWIK KAR LUBE & TUNE,	§	
VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

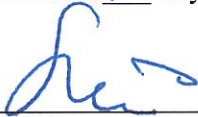
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The Commission, after review and due consideration of the Proposal for Decision, accepts the recommendation of the ALJ that Kwik Kar Lube & Tune's vehicle inspection station certification should be revoked.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the certification as a vehicle inspection station of Kwik Kar Lube & Tune is revoked.

SIGNED this 10th day of April 2025



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

DOCKET NO. 405-24-24411.MVI

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	§	BEFORE THE
SAFETY – PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	§	
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V.	§	STATE OF TEXAS
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MOHD HAMDAN,	§	
VEHICLE INSPECTOR	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

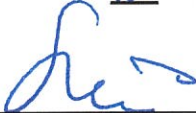
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The Commission, after review and due consideration of the Proposal for Decision, accepts the recommendation of the ALJ that Mohd Hamdan's vehicle inspection certification should be revoked.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the certification as a vehicle inspector of Mohd Hamdan is revoked.

SIGNED this 10th day of April, 2025.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

DOCKET NO. 405-24-24205.MVI

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	§	BEFORE THE
SAFETY – PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	§	
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V.	§	
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PLATINUM AUTOPLEX,	§	STATE OF TEXAS
VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION	§	
AND	§	
JUACHI MGBORUKWE,	§	
VEHICLE INSPECTOR	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

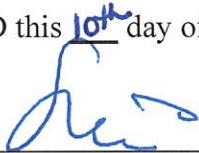
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The Commission, after review and due consideration of the Proposal for Decision, accepts the recommendation of the ALJ that Platinum Autoplex's vehicle inspection station certification and Juachi Mgborukwe's vehicle inspection certification should be revoked.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the certification as a vehicle inspection station of Platinum Autoplex and the certification as a vehicle inspector of Juachi Mgborukwe are revoked.

SIGNED this 10th day of April 2025



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

DOCKET NO. 405-24-17662.PSB

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY –	§	BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	§	
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V.	§	STATE OF TEXAS
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JULIUS PATRICK MERRIWEATHER,	§	
APPLICANT	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

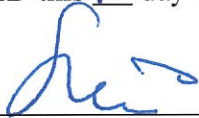
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The Commission, after review and due consideration of the Proposal for Decision, accepts the recommendation of the ALJ that Julius Patrick Merriweather's application for commissioned security officer license be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application for commissioned security officer license of Julius Patrick Merriweather is denied.

SIGNED this 10th day of April 2025.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

DOCKET NO. 405-24-24204.PSB

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY –	§	BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	§	
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V.	§	STATE OF TEXAS
	§	
ASHLEY ANNETTE GARNER,	§	
APPLICANT	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

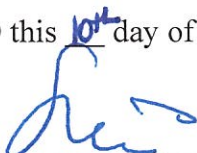
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The Commission, after review and due consideration of the Proposal for Decision, accepts the recommendation of the ALJ that Ashley Annette Garner's application for commissioned security officer license be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application for commissioned security officer license of Ashley Annette Garner is denied.

SIGNED this 10th day of April 2025.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

DOCKET NO. 405-24-23309.PSB

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY –	§	BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	§	
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V.	§	STATE OF TEXAS
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KHARI DESHUN BROWN,	§	
APPLICANT	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

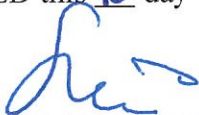
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The Commission, after review and due consideration of the Proposal for Decision, accepts the recommendation of the ALJ that Khari Deshun Brown's application for noncommissioned security officer license be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application for noncommissioned security officer license of Khari Deshun Brown is denied.

SIGNED this 10th day of April 2025.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

DOCKET NO. 405-25-05232.PSB

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY –	§	BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	§	
	§	
V.	§	STATE OF TEXAS
	§	
LEON FRANCISCO CZERNY,	§	
APPLICANT	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

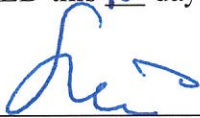
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The Commission, after review and due consideration of the Proposal for Decision, accepts the recommendation of the ALJ that Leon Francisco Czerny's application for commissioned security officer license be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application for commissioned security officer license of Leon Francisco Czerny is denied.

SIGNED this 10th day of April 2025.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

DOCKET NO. 405-25-06086.PSB

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY –	§	BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	§	
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V.	§	STATE OF TEXAS
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JUMA ALLEN,	§	
APPLICANT	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

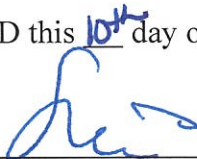
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The Commission, after review and due consideration of the Proposal for Decision, accepts the recommendation of the ALJ that Juma Allen's application for commissioned security officer license be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application for commissioned security officer license of Juma Allen is denied.

SIGNED this 10th day of April 2025.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

SPECIAL RANGER/SPECIAL TEXAS RANGER APPLICANTS
April 10, 2025

Special Ranger Applicants:

Name	Division at Ret.	Svc./Station at Ret.	Retire Date	Yrs. of Svc. at Ret.
Avant, Dale Leslie	ICT	Austin-HQ	01/31/25	31
Brennan, Patrick Arthur	CID	San Antonio	08/31/11	24
Chrane, Justin Jack	THP	Austin-HQ	05/31/24	26
Frick, Brian Matthew	TOD	Austin-HQ	02/28/25	26
Garcia, Hector Loera	THP	Austin	07/31/19	29
Gill, Monica Renee	CID	Garland	11/30/20	25
Guebara, Robert Renteria	THP	Midland	02/28/25	26
Huber, Gabriel Friedrich	THP	Plano	11/30/24	22
Johnson, David Jack (retire/rehire)	THP	Edna	08/31/03	26
Webster, Jay Mark	THP	Hurst	02/28/19	20

Special Texas Ranger Applicants:

Name	Division at Ret.	Svc./Station at Ret.	Retire Date	Yrs. of Svc. at Ret.
Schroeder, Jimmy Jay	TRD	San Marcos	01/31/17	22

Approved by the Public Safety Commission on: _____



Date: April 10, 2025

RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY
REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION BY
5:00 P.M. CDT, FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025.

IF THE TIMING OF THE APPLICATION DUE DATE AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT
OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS PREVENT THE GOVERNING BODY FROM REVIEWING AND APPROVING THE
RESOLUTION, THEN IT MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE OAG AFTER THE DUE DATE.
THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL IS NOT PERMITTED TO SIGN THE FORM ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT.

LEGAL NAME OF APPLICANT: Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas

APPLICATION REFERENCE ID NUMBER FROM GOALS: 2026-0131494334

Be it known as follows:

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, [Name of Applicant]
has applied or wishes to apply to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for the following grant program (initial
one):

X Other Victim Assistance Grant (OVAG)
 Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG)

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Commission, [Name of Governing Body of Applicant, such as
City Council, County Commissioners' Court or Board of Directors], has considered and supports the Application
filed or to be filed with the OAG;

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, [Name of Applicant]
has designated or wishes to designate the following individual as the "Authorized Official" who is given or has
been given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate that certain grant with the OAG, as well as
given the authority to sign all grant adjustment requests, inventory reports, progress reports and financial reports or
any other official documents related to the grant on behalf of the grantee:

Name of Person Designated as "Authorized Official": Freeman F. Martin

Position Title: Colonel

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this governing body approves the submission of the
Application to the OAG, as well as the designation of the Authorized Official.



Signature

Steven P. Mach

Commissioner Printed Name

April 10, 2025

Date

Memorandum: Infrastructure Operations Division

To: Brian Dismukes, Assistant Chief
Infrastructure Operations Division

From: Jennifer Hill, Project Manager

Date: April 10, 2025

Subject: Public Safety Commission Meeting Agenda - Other Victim Assistance Grant

The Infrastructure Operations Division placed a consent item on the agenda for the Public Safety Commission (PSC) meeting scheduled for April 10, 2025 regarding the renewal application for the Other Victim Assistance Grant (OVAG). The grant application requires a member of the PSC to initial next to the grant program (the Other Victim Assistance Grant (OVAG)) the DPS Victim and Employee Support Services (VESS) is applying for and sign the Resolution of Governing Body, which will designate Colonel Martin as the Authorized Official for the grant.

The OVAG grant is competitive funding through the Office of the Attorney General. The DPS VESS applies each biennium and has been continuously awarded this funding since FY 2006.

For fiscal years 2026 and 2027, the grant application requests up to \$150,000 per year for 50% funding of the personnel costs for four VESS positions. The funded positions primarily serve victims of crime, disaster, and traumatic events by providing mandated victim assistance, counseling, advocacy, and other support services statewide.

The positions are in Central, West, South, and Southeast Texas Regions.