

MINUTES

Public Safety Commission Meeting

February 13, 2025

Austin, TX

The Public Safety Commission met in Austin, Texas on February 13, 2025, at 9 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 9 a.m. Proper notice was posted.

II. Invocation (0:00:30)

Chaplain Ferman Carpenter provided the invocation.

III. Pledges (0:01:55)

Trooper John Thomas led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flag.

IV. Approval of Minutes (0:02:35)

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on December 12, 2024, were approved.

V. Presentations (0:03:00)

30 Year Service Award

Assistant Chief Katie Conley

Kyle Crain

Assistant Chief Brian Dismukes

Lieutenant Colonel Walt Goodson

Chief Floyd Goodwin

Joe Medrano

Brad Moseley

Assistant Chief Derek Prestridge

Maria Rodriguez-Solis

Bradley Sanders

35 Year Service Award

Ann Clark

Regina Kennedy

Naomi Neblett

William P. Clements Excellence Award

Michael Millan

Michael Adcock

Director's Citation

Joshua Perkins

Justin Reese

Lifesaving & Director's Award

John Vincent

Ross Rigby

Trey Frost

Janellen Valle

Lifesaving Award

Taylor Buster

George Greenway IV

Andrew Mitchell

Arthur Mitchell

Director's Award and Retirement Credentials

Chief Dale Avant

VI. Public Comment (0:45:50)

None.

VII. Director's Report

A. Case Update: NTTA Crash Investigation (0:46:15)

Texas Highway Patrol Division Lieutenant Shely Lee and Sgt. Ryan Rentfro provided an update on Trooper Austin Parrott and the crash reconstruction investigation.

B. Operation Lone Star Update (1:08:10)

Colonel Freeman F. Martin provided an update on Operation Lone Star.

Chairman Mach acknowledged attendance of legislative staff. (1:17:50)

VIII. New Business

A. Report, discussion, and possible action regarding an update to the Chief Auditor's Office Charter (1:18:10)

Chief Auditor Catherine Melvin proposed an update to the Chief's Auditor's Office Charter. A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Hord, to approve the updated Chief Auditor's Office Charter. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion and possible action on the appointment of members to the Private Security Advisory Committee (1:20:00)

Regulatory Services Division Chief Wayne Mueller presented the appointment requests. A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Stodghill, to appoint Louis Carl Felini as the Security Guard Member and reappoint Doyle Wade Hayden as the Public Member on the Private Security Advisory Committee for terms to expire on January 31, 2031. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Final Determination in Contested Cases – consideration and possible action on Proposals for Decision: (1:24:00)

1. SOAH Docket No. 405-24-23370.PSB – Ronald West
2. SOAH Docket No. 405-24-24418.PSB – Lathan Pulce
3. SOAH Docket No. 405-24-24256.PSB – Steven Johnson
4. SOAH Docket No. 405-24-24412.PSB – Aletha Robertson
5. SOAH Docket No. 405-24-24253.MVI – Meacham Tire's & Auto Service
6. SOAH Docket No. 405-24-17659.MVI – Quick Auto Sales and Repairs

General Counsel Phillip Adkins presented the proposal for decision for items (1)-(6). A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Hord, to adopt the proposal for decision issued by the administrative law judge of the State Office of Administrative Hearings for items VIII(C)(1)-(6) as the final determination of the Public Safety Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

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

IX. Ongoing Business

A. Report, discussion, and possible adoption of the following previously published rules (1:28:40)

1. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Section 15.31, concerning Out-of-State Renewals and Duplicates
2. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Section 15.62, concerning Additional Requirements

Driver License Division Chief Sheri Gipson presented the rule adoption for items (1)-(2). A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Hord, to adopt the rules under items IX(A)(1)-(2). Motion passed unanimously.

B. 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 (1:30:35)

Colonel Martin made a recommendation to appoint Infrastructure Operations Division Major/Human Resources Director Brian Dismukes as an Assistant Chief in the Infrastructure Operations Division. A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Long, to appoint Brian Dismukes as an Assistant Chief in the Infrastructure Operations Division. Motion passed unanimously.

C. 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 (1:32:50)

None.

B. Finance Report (1:33:00)

None.

C. Chief Auditor's Office (1:33:05)

None.

D. Division status reports on activities and action (1:33:10)

None.

XI. Consent Items (1:33:20)

A. Advice and consent regarding director's determination that certain probationary employees were found unsuitable for work during December 2024

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: Donald Warren Adams, Chester Leonard Dixon, Robert Mack Driggers, Joseph Ventura Duran, John Howard Fisher, John Houston Henley III, Cavin Lavoy King, James Padley Lattimore, Victor Tyrone Morris, Jeremy Christopher Nordloh, David Gale O'Brien, Jr., Todd Andrew Phillips, Kenneth Wayne Pittman, Thomas G. Ruocco, John Arthur Schlinger, Daniel Victor Smith, Bart Alan Teeter, and Roy Tower; and

Special Texas Rangers: Norris Lane Akin, Kenneth Ernest Bond, Jamie Shane Downs, Otto Henry Hanak, and Robert Wayne Matthews

C. Donations:

1. Additional donation items, as needed

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

XII. Items for Future Agenda (1:34:25)

None at this time.

XIII. Date for Future Meeting (1:34:40)

Discharge hearings will be scheduled for April 10, 2025; and the regular Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2025.

XIV. Adjourn into Executive Session (1:34:55)

Executive Session began at 10:43 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 12:38 p.m. Chairman Steven Mach and Commissioners Nelda Blair, Dan Hord III, Larry Long, and Steven Stodghill were present. A quorum was present. (1:35:20)

XV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Read and approved this 10th day of April, 2025.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission



Chief Auditor's Office CHARTER

The Texas Department of Public Safety (Department) Chief Auditor's Office (CAO) serves as the internal audit function for the Department. This charter defines the purpose, authority responsibilities, professional requirements, and quality assurance of the Department's Chief Auditor's Office in accordance with the Texas Internal Auditing Act.

PURPOSE

The Chief Auditor's Office is an independent and objective assurance and advisory activity designed to add value and improve the Department's operations. The CAO assists the Department in accomplishing its mission and objectives by bringing a systematic and disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of the Department's governance, risk management, and internal control processes.

The CAO contributes directly to the continuous improvement of the Department's operations, governance, risk management, and internal control framework through its delivery of superior assurance and advisory services in an atmosphere of respect and teamwork.

Our mission is to advise the Department in achieving its strategic and operational goals by providing independent, risk-based and objective assurance, advice, insight, and foresight.

AUTHORITY

The Texas Internal Auditing Act (Government Code 2102) provides the internal auditing mandate by requiring certain Texas state agencies, including the Department, to conduct a program of internal auditing. Furthermore, Government Code §411.241 requires the Department to establish an Office of Audit and Review. The CAO is established to meet these requirements. Government Code also requires the Public Safety Commission (PSC) to appoint an internal auditor / Director. The Department's Chief Auditor is the internal auditor required by the Act and serves as the Director called for in the Government Code.

Authority is granted for full, free, and unrestricted access to all Department operations, records (in any form), information systems, physical properties, activities, and Department personnel relevant to any function under review. The CAO staff will take appropriate measures to maintain the confidentiality of information gained in the course of their work and to safeguard any records entrusted to their care. Audit working papers are excepted from disclosure under the Public Information Act per the Texas Government Code 552.116.

The CAO shall provide assurance and advisory services for the Department. The nature of these services is defined as follows:

- Assurance Services are services through which internal auditors perform objective assessments to provide assurance. Examples of assurance services include compliance, financial, operational/performance, and technology engagements. Internal auditors may provide limited or reasonable assurance, depending on the nature, timing, and extent of procedures performed.
- Advisory Services are services through which internal auditors provide advice to an organization's stakeholders without providing assurance or taking on management responsibilities. The nature and scope of advisory services are subject to agreement with relevant stakeholders. Examples include advising on the design and implementation of new policies, processes, systems, and products; providing forensic services; providing training; and facilitating discussions about risks and controls. "Advisory services" are also known as "consulting services."

Investigations of alleged employee wrongdoing or misappropriation are the purview of the Inspector General.

Independence and Objectivity

Professional objectivity and independence are essential to the CAO in the proper fulfillment of its duties and is mandated by the Texas Internal Auditing Act and professional standards as defined later in this document.

To ensure independence, comprehensive audit coverage, adequate consideration of audit findings, and appropriate management action on audit recommendations, the CAO reports directly to the Public Safety Commission (PSC). The PSC shall ensure the independence of the CAO.

Performance of line responsibilities by the CAO may compromise its professional objectivity. This, however, does not preclude the CAO from serving in an advisory capacity in the implementation of corrective action or the establishment of new activities, policies, or procedures. The CAO is a staff function and has no authority over activities which it reviews, and the performance of these reviews does not relieve management of any assigned responsibilities.

The CAO is not authorized to:

- Perform any operational duties for the Department or its contractors.
- Initiate or approve accounting transactions external to the CAO.
- Direct the activities of any Department employee not employed by the CAO, except to the extent such employees have been appropriately assigned to assist in the performance of internal audit activities.

In addition, members of the CAO may not accept any tangible or intangible item, such as a gift, reward, or favor, that may impair or be presumed to impair professional objectivity.

RESPONSIBILITY

The following outlines the respective responsibilities of the Public Safety Commission (PSC), the Chief Auditor, and Department management as it relates to implementing an effective internal audit function for the Department.

Responsibilities of the Public Safety Commission (PSC)

The PSC ensures the independence of the internal audit function. The PSC may designate a Commissioner to serve as the Audit Liaison. The PSC may delegate to the Audit Liaison certain responsibilities of the PSC. The PSC shall:

- Appoint, remove, oversee, evaluate and take any appropriate personnel action, and determine the compensation of the Chief Auditor.
- Periodically review the resources dedicated to the internal audit function and determine whether adequate resources exist to ensure that risks identified in the annual risk assessment are adequately covered within a reasonable time frame.
- Approve an annual internal audit plan, including any significant changes or deviations.
- Receive and review all internal audit reports.
- Approve the audit charter.

Responsibilities of the Chief Auditor

The Chief Auditor is responsible for assessing the adequacy and effectiveness of the various functions and control systems within the Department, advising the PSC and Department management concerning the condition of those functions and systems, and developing recommendations to enhance economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and excellence. In fulfilling these responsibilities, the Chief Auditor shall:

- Develop a flexible annual internal audit plan using an appropriate risk-based methodology and submit that plan to the PSC for review and approval.
- Implement the approved annual internal audit plan including, as appropriate, special assignments, projects, or reviews requested by Department management or the PSC.
- Submit any significant changes or deviations to the annual internal audit plan to the PSC for review and approval.
- Provide updates to the PSC, as requested, regarding the activities and responsibilities of the CAO.
- Conduct all audit functions as required by Texas Government Code 2102.
- Appraise the effectiveness, reliability, and integrity of the Department's accounting, administrative, electronic data processing, and other major systems and controls, and ensure that all major systems and controls are reviewed on a periodic basis.

- Evaluate risk exposures relating to the Department's governance, operations, and information systems regarding the reliability and integrity of financial and operational information, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, safeguarding of assets, and compliance with laws, regulations, and other requirements.
- Review operations or programs to ascertain whether results are consistent with established objectives and goals and whether the operations or programs are being carried out as planned.
- Seek and utilize the available resources of the Department, as appropriate, including legal counsel.
- Perform special assignments, projects, or reviews as requested by the PSC and, as appropriate, other such special assignments, projects, or reviews requested by Department management. Such assignments and reviews must not impair the CAO's independence.
- Protect and safeguard the professional objectivity of the CAO and establish methodologies to address any identified impairments to professional objectivity.
- Based on an assessment of risk, determine whether corrective action was taken on reported audit findings and is achieving the desired results, or that senior management has assumed the risk of not taking corrective action. The CAO shall assess the adequacy, effectiveness, and timeliness of actions taken by management to resolve reported audit findings.
- Perform consulting/advisory services to the extent they do not nor will not represent a conflict of interest, compromise or impair independence or professional objectivity, or detract from the CAO's obligations to the PSC and the Department. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - evaluating and assessing significant new or changing functions, services, processes, operations, and control processes concurrent with their development, implementation, and/or expansion,
 - participating in manual and automated system design as an advisor on risk and management controls, and
 - appraising existing allocation of resources by the Department.
- Report to the PSC any significant disagreement with senior management or other stakeholders on the scope, findings, or other aspects of an engagement that may affect the ability of the CAO to execute its responsibilities.
- Keep the PSC informed of emerging trends and successful practices in internal auditing.
- Consider both internal and external assurance efforts to ensure optimal risk assurance coverage at a reasonable overall cost and minimize duplication of effort.

- Serve as the primary liaison with external auditors or review groups for any audit or review conducted of the Department.
- Perform all duties and responsibilities as set forth in the job description of the Chief Auditor.

Responsibilities of Texas Department of Public Safety (Department) Management

Management of the Department shall:

- Cooperate with and provide CAO full and free access to all activities, records, property, and personnel of the Department and of its contractors and subcontractors.
- Timely inform the CAO of any reviews, evaluations, assessments, audits, or inspections conducted by local, state, or federal entities, or any external consultants, contractors, or auditors.
- Respond to draft CAO audit reports within the time specified, indicating management's agreement or disagreement with the issues and recommendations; management's corrective actions proposed or taken, and dates for accomplishing those corrective actions. If there is any disagreement with the issues or recommendations, management will provide reasons. Alternative actions which correct issues are acceptable. Management accepts the risk of not taking appropriate corrective action on reported issues.
- Establish, administer, and assess the system of risk management and control processes designed to ensure the achievement of Department objectives and the following conditions exist:
 - Financial and operational information is reliable and possesses integrity.
 - Operations are performed efficiently and achieve effective results.
 - Assets are safeguarded.
 - Actions and decisions of the Department are in compliance with laws, regulations, and other requirements.
- Report to the CAO instances in which management has reasonable cause to believe that money received from the state by the Department or by a client or contractor of the Department may have been lost, misappropriated, or misused, or that other fraudulent or unlawful conduct has occurred in relation to the operation of the Department.

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The CAO shall adhere to The Institute of Internal Auditors' Global Internal Audit Standards. The CAO shall also adhere to generally accepted government auditing standards as promulgated by the Government Accountability Office, and the requirements found under the Texas Internal Auditing Act

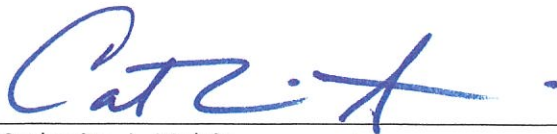
(Chapter 2102, Government Code). The CAO shall also adhere to the policies, procedures, and requirements of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The professional staff of the CAO shall maintain technical competence by attending continuing professional education as required by the governing boards which regulate the professional designations of Certified Internal Auditor and Certified Public Accountant, as appropriate. Ordinary and necessary expenses of maintaining the above-named professional designations will be paid by the Department. Other relevant certification programs may also be supported on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Chief Auditor.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Chief Auditor shall maintain an effective quality assurance program to include supervision, training, internal reviews, and periodic comprehensive external peer reviews to ensure compliance with the Texas Internal Auditing Act and professional standards.

The Chief Auditor shall maintain a professional audit staff with sufficient knowledge, skills, experience, and professional certifications, or supplement with external resources, to meet the requirements of this charter.



Catherine A. Melvin
Chief Auditor



Date



Freeman Martin
Colonel



Date

This Charter was approved by the Public Safety Commission on February 13, 2025, and supersedes the previously approved charter dated February 21, 2019:



Steven P. Mach
Chairman, Public Safety Commission



Date

DOCKET NO. 405-24-23370.PSB

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	§	BEFORE THE
SAFETY –PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	§	
	§	
V.	§	STATE OF TEXAS
	§	
RONALD MAURICE WEST,	§	
APPLICANT	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

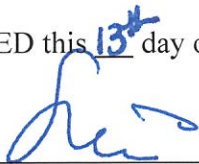
FINAL ORDER

On February 13, 2025, the Public Safety Commission held a public meeting and considered the Proposal for Decision issued in the above referenced case by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) of the State Office of Administrative Hearings. For the purposes of this Order, the Commission adopts the findings of fact and conclusions of law reflected in the Proposal for Decision.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application for commissioned security officer license of Ronald Maurice West is denied.

SIGNED this 13th day of February 2025.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

DOCKET NO. 405-24-24418.PSB

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	§	BEFORE THE
SAFETY –PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	§	
	§	
V.	§	STATE OF TEXAS
	§	
LATHAN PULCE,	§	
APPLICANT	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

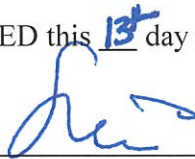
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The Commission, after review and due consideration of the Proposal for Decision, accepts the recommendation of the ALJ that Lathan Pulce's application for commissioned security officer license be denied.

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

SIGNED this 13th day of February 2025.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

DOCKET NO. 405-24-24256.PSB

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	§	BEFORE THE
SAFETY –PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	§	
	§	
V.	§	STATE OF TEXAS
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STEVEN SINCLAIR JOHNSON,	§	
APPLICANT	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

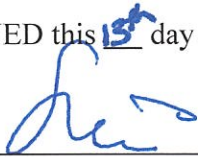
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The Commission, after review and due consideration of the Proposal for Decision, accepts the recommendation of the ALJ that Steven Sinclair Johnson's applications for noncommissioned and commissioned security officer license be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the applications for noncommissioned and commissioned security officer license of Steven Sinclair Johnson are denied.

SIGNED this 13th day of February 2025.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

DOCKET NO. 405-24-24412.PSB

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	§	BEFORE THE
SAFETY –PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	§	
	§	
V.	§	STATE OF TEXAS
	§	
ALETHA ANN ROBERTSON,	§	
APPLICANT	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

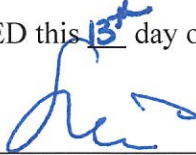
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The Commission, after review and due consideration of the Proposal for Decision, accepts the recommendation of the ALJ that Aletha Ann Robertson's application for noncommissioned security officer license be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application for noncommissioned security officer license of Aletha Ann Robertson is denied.

SIGNED this 13th day of February 2025.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

DOCKET NO. 405-24-24253.MVI

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	§	BEFORE THE
SAFETY – PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	§	
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V.	§	STATE OF TEXAS
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MEACHAM TIRES & AUTO SERVICE,	§	
VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

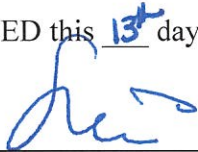
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The Commission, after review and due consideration of the Proposal for Decision, accepts the recommendation of the ALJ that Meacham Tires & Auto Service's vehicle inspection station certification should be revoked.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the certification as a vehicle inspection station of Meacham Tires & Auto Service is revoked.

SIGNED this 13th day of February 2025



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

DOCKET NO. 405-24-17659.MVI

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	§	BEFORE THE
SAFETY – PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION	§	
	§	
V.	§	STATE OF TEXAS
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QUICK AUTO SALES AND REPAIRS,	§	
VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

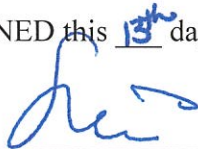
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The Commission, after review and due consideration of the Proposal for Decision, accepts the recommendation of the ALJ that Quick Auto Sales and Repairs' vehicle inspection station certification should be suspended for 12 months and a \$500 administrative penalty should be assessed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the certification as a vehicle inspection station of Quick Auto Sales and Repairs is suspended for 12 months and a \$500 administrative penalty is assessed.

SIGNED this 13th day of February 2025



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
ORDER ADOPTING A RULE

On February 13, 2025, the Public Safety Commission (the commission) by majority vote approved rules concerning:

Driver License Rules
Title 37 T.A.C. Part I, Chapter 15
Subchapter B
Section 15.31

The Texas Department of Public Safety (the department) adopts amendments to §15.31, concerning Out-of-State Renewals and Duplicates. This rule is adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the December 27, 2024, issue of the *Texas Register* (49 TexReg 10491) and will not be republished.

The proposed amendments implement House Bill 3643, 88th Leg., R.S. (2023), by removing the ability to issue a temporary license without a photograph. The amendments also add duplicate licenses, commercial driver licenses without a hazardous materials endorsement, and identification cards to application of the rule. Additionally, this section has been reorganized for readability.

No comments were received regarding the adoption of this rule.

This rule is adopted pursuant to Texas Government Code, §411.004(3), which authorizes the Public Safety Commission to adopt rules considered necessary for carrying out the department's work; Texas Transportation Code §521.005, which authorizes the department to adopt rules necessary to administer Chapter 521 of the Transportation Code; and House Bill 3643, 88th Leg., R.S. (2023).

This agency hereby certifies that the adoption has been reviewed by legal counsel and found to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

The effective date of the rules is 20 days after the rules are filed with the Texas Register Division, Office of the Secretary of State.

This order constitutes the order of the commission required by the Administrative Procedures Act, Government Code, §2001.033.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
ORDER ADOPTING A RULE

On February 13, 2025, the Public Safety Commission (the commission) by majority vote approved rules concerning:

Driver License Rules
Title 37 T.A.C. Part I, Chapter 15
Subchapter C
Section 15.62

The Texas Department of Public Safety (the department) adopts amendments to §15.62, concerning Additional Requirements. This rule is adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the December 27, 2024, issue of the *Texas Register* (49 TexReg 10493) and will not be republished.

The proposed amendments rename the Impact Texas Drivers program for skill examination applicants 18 years of age and older to Impact Texas Adult Drivers (ITAD) and allows these applicants to complete either the Impact Texas Adult Drivers (ITAD) program or the Impact Texas Teen Drivers (ITTD) program.

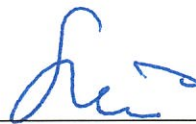
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Steven P. Mach, Chairman
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IN THE MATTER OF	§	BEFORE THE
THE DISCHARGE OF	§	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES	§	IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TX

Advice and Consent

In accordance with Government Code Section 411.007(e), the Director found that the following named probationary employees were unsuitable for continued employment in the Department of Public Safety. The Public Safety Commission has consented to discharge these employees:

Employee Name	Employee Title/Division	Date of Discharge
Marcos Robles	Trooper Trainee/Training Operations	12/06/2024
Sharee Horace	Administrative Assistant/Highway Patrol	12/19/2024
Oghenevihgho Okrokoto	License & Permit Specialist/Driver License	12/20/2024
David Medrano	Trooper Trainee/Training Operations	12/20/2024

Approved:

over.

Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

Date: February 13, 2025

SPECIAL RANGER/SPECIAL TEXAS RANGER APPLICANTS
February 13, 2025

Special Ranger Applicants:

Name	Division at Ret.	Svc./Station at Ret.	Retire Date	Yrs. of Svc. at Ret.
Adams, Donald Warren	THP	Temple	12/31/12	27
Dixon, Chester Leonard	THP	Austin HQ	08/31/03	21
Driggers, Robert Mack	THP	Devine	09/30/24	24
Duran, Joseph Ventura	THP	Austin-Capitol	09/30/24	20
Fisher, John Howard	EPB	Austin	11/30/24	22
Henley III, John Houston	THP	Lufkin	11/30/24	29
King, Cavin Lavoy	THP	Wichita Falls	08/31/24	23
Lattimore, James Padley	THP	Graham	11/30/24	22
Morris, Victor Tyrone	CID	Rio Grande City	08/31/24	23
Nordloh, Jeremy Christopher	THP	Austin HQ	11/30/24	28
O'Brien, Jr., David Gale	CID	Garland	09/30/24	25
Phillips, Todd Andrew	THP	Texas City	12/31/24	21
Pittman, Kenneth Wayne (Ret./Rehire)	TOD	Florence	05/31/07	28
Ruocco, Thomas G.	CID	Austin HQ	02/28/23	8
Schlenger, John Arthur	CID	Victoria	12/31/09	26
Smith, Daniel Victor	THP	Austin-Capitol	05/31/09	30
Teeter, Bart Alan	THP	Austin HQ	11/30/24	25
Tower, Roy	THP	Marshall	08/31/24	29

Special Texas Ranger Applicants:

Name	Division at Ret.	Svc./Station at Ret.	Retire Date	Yrs. of Svc. at Ret.
Akin, Norris Lane	TRD	Garland	08/31/03	26
Bond, Kenneth Ernest	TRD	Tyler	08/31/18	23
Downs, Jamie Shane	TRD	Lubbock	12/31/24	22
Hanak, Otto Henry	TRD	Brenham	07/31/09	27
Matthews, Robert Wayne	TRD	El Paso	09/30/24	21

Approved by the Public Safety Commission on: _____



Date: 2/13/25