On the 6th day of May, 2009, the following meeting was held in Austin, Travis County, Texas.
APPEARANCES

COMMISSIONERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION:

Allan B Polunsky, Chair
C. Tom Clowe, Jr
Carin Marcy Barth
Ada Brown
John Steen

DIRECTOR'S STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

Lt. Colonel Lamar Beckworth, Assistant Director
MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Brown?

MS. BROWN: Present.

MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Barth?

MS. BARTH: Present.

MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Clowe?

MR. CLOWE: Present.

MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Steen?

MR. STEEN: Present.

MR. POLUNSKY: Let the record show that I am present.

A quorum of the Public Safety Commission is present and the public meeting of the commission is called to order. I will now proceed. The time is 5:00 p.m. The location of this meeting is the regular location for the Public Safety Commission meetings, the Criminal Law Enforcement Auditorium at 6100 Guadalupe, as posted in the agenda.

This meeting has been called as an emergency meeting. As there is a basis for an emergency meeting, we will consider the agenda items that have been posted for this meeting.

Is there a motion at this time?

MR. CLOWE: Mr. Chairman, I believe it is important for the Commission to document the reason for this emergency meeting. The following information
has either been provided to me or known to me and I believe it would be beneficial for the Commission to hear it in the form of a motion and then either confirm or deny the findings requested by the motion.

I move that the Commission document that notice of this meeting was posted with the Secretary of the State on May 4th, 2009. The agenda identifies a subject matter of significance and importance to public safety in the State of Texas. The director of the department chose to step down from his position with the department on May 4th, 2009 and is retiring, therefore, it is incumbent upon the Public Safety Commission to discuss and take action regarding an interim director for the Department of Public Safety.

We could not have reasonably foreseen this matter in order to address it at our last meeting. The matter cannot be postponed until a regularly-called meeting can be scheduled. Immediate action is required in this matter. I have been advised by staff that the notice of emergency meeting has been communicated to the public. I hereby move that the Commission consider my summary of what I believe to be the facts necessitating this meeting today and, if the commission members are in agreement that such facts appear to be true, that we proceed to adopt them as a finding to
support the basis for this emergency meeting.

MR. STEEN: Second.

MR. POLUNSKY: Thank you. It has been moved by Commissioner Clowe and seconded by Commissioner Steen that there are sufficient facts present to justify an emergency meeting of the Texas Public Safety Commission. Is there any discussion on this motion?

There is no discussion. All in favor please say aye. Any against, no. Motion passes and there is a basis now established for an emergency meeting.

We will now consider the agenda items that have been posted for this meeting.

The Texas Public Safety Commission will now go into Executive Session. This is authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act under the following provisions: To receive legal advice from its attorney under Government Code, Section 551.071, and to consider personnel matters under Government Code, Section 551.074.

The Public Safety Commission will move to a meeting room adjacent to this auditorium, so no one needs to leave the room at this time.

(Executive Session from 5:04 to 6:33)
MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Brown?

MS. BROWN: Present.

MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Barth?

MS. BARTH: Present.

MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Clowe.

MR. CLOWE: Present.

MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Steen?

MR. STEEN: Present.

MR. POLUNSKY: I am present. The Public Safety Commission is now reconvened in open session at 6:33 p.m. We will now take up the agenda items.

item one on the agenda: Discussion and possible action to appoint an interim director of the Department of Public Safety.

Is there a motion?

MS. BARTH: Mr. Chairman?

MR. POLUNSKY: Ms. Barth.

MS. BARTH: I'd like to move that we appoint Lamar Beckworth as the interim director of the Department of Public Safety.

MR. POLUNSKY: Is there a second to that motion?

MS. BROWN: Second.

MR. POLUNSKY: It's been moved by Commissioner Barth and seconded by Commissioner Brown.
that the Public Safety Commission appoint Lamar Beckworth as the interim director of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Is there a discussion on this item?

There is no discussion. All those in favor, please say aye. Any against, no. Motion passes.

Congratulations, Colonel Beckworth.

Would you like to say anything?

MR. BECKWORTH: Yes, sir, I would.

First of all, I want to thank the Public Safety Commission for having the confidence to appoint me as interim director of the Department of Public Safety. I commit to you and to all of our employees and to the citizens of the State of Texas that I will do my very best to ensure that this agency carries on the outstanding work for the Texas citizens of this state. That is our goal; that is our mission; that is our commitment. I task all of our employees to support the mission of the team that we have in place to move this agency forward. We're excited about the opportunity that we have in force and I want to assure the Public Safety Commission that you will not be disappointed in this appointment. Thank you very much.

MR. POLUNSKY: Thank you, Colonel
Beckworth. I am quite sure that we will not be disappointed. We are quite pleased that you have decided to accept this position and we have all the confidence in the world that you will do an exemplary job.

MR. BECKWORTH: Thank you very much.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I was pleased to see that Colonel Beckworth got a standing ovation and I just want the record to reflect that.

MR. POLUNSKY: Any further discussion on anything?

MR. CLOWE: Move we adjourn.

MR. POLUNSKY: There's a motion to adjourn. Is there a second?

MS. BARTH: Second.

JUDGE SILVERSTONE: All those in favor, please say aye. Meeting is adjourned.
I, Kim Furr, Certified Shorthand Reporter in and for the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing contains a true and correct transcription of my stenographic notes taken in the above-captioned cause at the Texas Public Safety Commission meeting in Austin, Texas.

Witness my hand this 9th day of May, 2009.

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