

MINUTES

Public Safety Commission Meeting

October 15, 2021

Austin, TX

The Public Safety Commission met in Austin, Texas on October 15, 2021, at 9 a.m. for discharge appeal hearings. Attending the meeting were Chairman Steven Mach, Commissioners Nelda Blair, Steve Stodghill, and Dale Wainwright. A quorum was present.

Call to Order

Chairman Mach called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Proper notice was posted.

Chairman Mach announced that Commissioner Wainwright would be the presiding officer for the discharge appeal hearings.

Discharge Appeal Hearing

Possible action regarding DPS employee:

Trooper Howard Brothers

Adjourn into Executive Session

Executive Session began at 10:49 a.m. The Public Safety Commission reconvened in open session at 11:23 a.m. Presiding Officer Wainwright, Chairman Mach, and Commissioners Blair and Stodghill were present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stodghill, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to affirm the Director's decision to discharge Howard Brothers. Motion passed unanimously.

Recess

Recess began at 11:24 am. The Public Safety Commission reconvened at 12:56 p.m.

Discharge Appeal Hearing

Possible action regarding DPS employee:

Special Agent Oscar Hernandez

Adjourn into Executive Session


Executive Session began at 3:18 p.m. The Public Safety Commission reconvened in open session at 3:42 p.m. Presiding Officer Wainwright, Chairman Mach, and Commissioners Blair and Stodghill were present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stodghill, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to affirm the Director's decision to discharge Oscar Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Read and approved this 9th day of December, 2021.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPEAL OF DISCHARGE OF
HOWARD BROTHERS

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TX

ORDER

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Public Safety Commission convened to hear the appeal of discharge of Howard Brothers, on the 15th day of October, 2021. Mr. Brothers received adequate notice of the hearing on this matter and did appear in person. Pursuant to §411.007, Government Code, the Commission proceeded to hear evidence in the above-captioned matter.

After reviewing all of the evidence presented at the hearing, the Commission finds that there is just cause to discharge Howard Brothers, and affirms the Director's decision in this matter.

ENTERED AND SIGNED on the 15th day of October, 2021.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

IN THE MATTER OF § BEFORE THE
THE APPEAL OF DISCHARGE OF § PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
OSCAR HERNANDEZ § IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TX

ORDER

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Public Safety Commission convened to hear the appeal of discharge of Oscar Hernandez, on the 15th day of October, 2021. Mr. Hernandez received adequate notice of the hearing on this matter and did appear in person and through counsel. Pursuant to §411.007, Government Code, the Commission proceeded to hear evidence in the above-captioned matter.

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Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission