

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
April 19, 2006  
Austin, Texas**

The Public Safety Commission met in Austin, Texas on April 19, 2006. Attending the meeting were Chairman Ernest Angelo, Jr., and Commissioner Carlos Cascos.

**DPS Staff members present:**

Tommy Davis, Director  
David McEathron, Assistant Director  
Oscar Ybarra & Tom Haas, Accounting & Budget Control  
Randy Elliston & Lamar Beckworth, Texas Highway Patrol  
Kent Mawyer, Criminal Law Enforcement  
Burt Christian, Administration  
Judy Brown, Greg Gloria, Claire McGuinness & Kevin Givens, Driver License  
Ray Coffman & Jim Miller, Texas Rangers  
Farrell Walker, Office of Audit & Inspection  
Russell Lecklider, Emergency Management Division  
Mary Ann Courter, General Counsel  
Ed Kelly & Bryan Lane, Information Management Service  
Tela Mange, Public Information Office  
David Outon, Internal Affairs  
Steve Powell, Aircraft  
Michael Kelley, Legislative Liaison  
Dorothy Wright, Secretary

**Guests present:**

Mike McElhaney, Governor's Office

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Angelo. Proper notice had been posted.

- I. **Minutes.** Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos and seconded by Commissioner Angelo, the minutes of the March 3, 2006 meeting were approved.
- II. **Public comment.** There was no public comment.
- III. **Review of Active Countermeasures Training Program recommendations.** Colonel Davis and Burt Christian gave the Commission an overview of the DPS committee's proposed action items in response to the consultant's recommendations on the countermeasures training program. There was some discussion on the impact to the recruit training as a result of these action items and possible fiscal impact to DPS.

- IV. **Budget matters.** Oscar Ybarra gave the budget report. There was some discussion on hurricane disaster expenditures and estimated reimbursement amounts using federal guidelines.
- V. **Audit & Inspection report.** Farrell Walker gave the audit & inspection report.
- VI. **Division reports.** Burt Christian gave the Administration Division report. There was some discussion on the legislatively mandated physical fitness standards program and preliminary testing of personnel in response to that mandate and building projects. The Texas Highway Patrol Division report was given by Randy Elliston. There was some discussion on a recent trooper injury and the Texas Education Agency's driver training curriculum and extensive driver training/safety programs developed by our troopers. Judy Brown gave the Driver License Division report, including an update on the DL reengineering & CRIS projects, and the ongoing e-commerce campaign. Judy Brown gave an update on the Driver Responsibility Program and the legislative response to our attempts to gain compliance in the surcharge fee collections. Russell Lecklider gave the Emergency Management Division report. There was some discussion on the wildfire threat, continuing post disaster operations for hurricanes, emergency planning for future hurricanes/disasters, and cooperation from local governments in those planning efforts. The Criminal Law Enforcement Division report was given by Kent Mawyer. There was some discussion on locating fugitive gang members, involvement with counterfeit/forged document investigations, and increased CODIS hits for property crimes. Ray Coffman gave the Ranger Division report. The Information Management Service report, including an update on the TLETS reengineering project, was given by Ed Kelly.
- VII. **For publication for public comment.**
  - A. **Proposed amendment to Rule 15.24, 37 TAC Sec. 15.24, relating to the identification of applicants for an original, renewal or duplicate driver license or identification certificate.** Judy Brown briefed the Commission on the proposed amendment. Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos and seconded by Commissioner Angelo, the attached amendment was unanimously approved for publication for public comment.
  - B. **Proposed amendment to Rule 15.25, 37 TAC Sec. 15.25, relating to the address requirements for an original, renewal or duplicate driver license or identification certificate.** Judy Brown briefed the Commission on the proposed amendment. Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos and seconded by Commissioner Angelo, the attached amendment was unanimously approved for publication for public comment.
- VIII. **Personnel matters, pending and contemplated litigation, ongoing criminal investigations, status of purchase of real property.** The Commission went into Executive Session pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code Secs. 551.071, 551.074, 551.072 & 411.0041 to discuss personnel matters, including the Director's action of discharging probationary employees Nicola Dungan, Sandra Lopez and Rosie Hernandez; pending and contemplated litigation; status of purchase of real property; and ongoing criminal investigations. Upon reconvening Regular Session, Commissioner Angelo announced

that the Commission had discussed personnel matters, pending litigation and ongoing criminal investigations. Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos and seconded by Commissioner Angelo, the Director's action of discharging probationary employees Nicola Dungan, Sandra Lopez and Rosie Hernandez was affirmed (see attached Order). A Special Ranger commission had been considered for DPS retiree Richard Brittain and Special Texas Ranger commissions had been considered for DPS retirees Danny Parrack and Dawson Wymah. A motion was made by Commissioner Cascos and seconded by Commissioner Angelo approving the above named individuals as Special Rangers and Special Texas Rangers respectively.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cascos and seconded by Commissioner Angelo adjourning the meeting.

Read and approved this 16th day of May, 2006.

  
Chairman

  
Member

## **Advice and Consent**

Employee Name	Employee Title/Division	Date of Discharge
Sandra Lopez	DL Technician/Driver License	03/06/06
Rosie Hernandez	DL Administrative Assistant/Driver License	03/23/06
Nicola Dungan	Accounting Clerk/Director's Staff	03/31/06

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Ernest Angelo, Jr., Chairman  
Public Safety Commission  
Date: April 19, 2006

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