

MINUTES

Public Safety Commission Meeting

October 8, 2025

Austin, TX

The Public Safety Commission met in Austin, Texas on October 8, 2025, at 1 p.m. for a discharge appeal hearing. 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

Chairman Mach called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. Proper notice was posted.

II. Discharge Appeal Hearing

Possible action regarding DPS employee: Trooper Darius Valentine

III. Adjourn into Executive Session

Executive Session began at 4:15 p.m. The Public Safety Commission reconvened in open session at 4:35 p.m. with Chairman Mach, Commissioners Blair, Hord, Long, and Stodghill in attendance. A quorum was present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stodghill, seconded by Commissioner Hord, to affirm the Colonel's decision to discharge Darius Valentine. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Read and approved this 11th day of December, 2025.

Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission

IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPEAL OF DISCHARGE OF
DARIUS VALENTINE

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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 Darius Valentine, on the 8th day of October 2025. Mr. Valentine 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.

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

ENTERED AND SIGNED on the 8th day of October, 2025.



Steven P. Mach, Chairman
Public Safety Commission