



DRAFT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 22, 2025

Committee Members Present:

1. Chair Velasquez
2. Vice Chair Laine
3. Council Member Qadri – virtual
4. Council Member Duchen – Virtual

Call to Order

Chair Velasquez called the committee meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Public Communication: General

There were no speakers.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approve the minutes of the June 2, 2025, Public Safety Committee meeting.

The minutes of the June 2, 2025 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved on this the 22 day of September, 2025 on Mayor Watson's motion, Council Member Laine's second on an 3-0 vote. Council Member Qadri requests to vote on minutes. Mayor Watson Moves to show Council Member Qadri and Council Member Duchen voting in favor of the minutes as it will not change the outcome of the vote.

Discussion and Possible Action

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendation to Council regarding appointments of the Presiding Judge, Associate Judges, including the Downtown Austin Community Court Judge, and Substitute Judges to the Municipal Court.

The Committee received a briefing from Sheldon Askew, Assistant Chief of Austin Police Department.

Briefings

3. Briefing on the Austin FIRST pilot program for first response to high acuity calls using a multi-disciplinary team. [Dr. Mark Escott, Chief Medical Officer; Chief Rob Luckritz, Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Service; Chief Lisa Davis, Austin Police Department; Dawn Handley, Integral Care].

The committee received a briefing from Dr. Mark Escott, Chief Medical Officer; Chief Rob Luckritz, Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Service; Chief Lisa Davis, Austin Police Department; Dawn Handley, Integral Care.

4. Briefing on reexamining Austin Police use of force, including follow up from the May 19, 2025, Public Safety Committee briefing on the same topic. [Dr. Robin Engel - John Glenn College of Public Affairs].

The committee received a briefing from Dr. Robin Engel - John Glenn College of Public Affairs.

Executive Session

5. **Evaluate the performance of, and consider compensation and benefits for, the Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court. (Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Government Code).**
6. **Evaluate the performance of, and consider compensation and benefits for, the judge of the Downtown Austin Community Court. (Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Government Code).**

Future Items

7. **Identify items to discuss at future meetings.**
No items were identified for future meetings.

Chair Velasquez adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.