



# Public Safety Commission Meeting

October 9, 2025, 10:00 a.m.  
6100 Guadalupe, Building E  
Austin, TX 78752

## Summary

(This report represents a summary of events of the meeting,  
and is not necessarily complete nor an exact transcript of testimony.)

The Public Safety Commission convened as posted to consider and take formal action, if necessary, on the following agenda items:



### I. CALL TO ORDER

*10:00 am – Chairman Steven Mach called the meeting to order. In attendance: Chairman Steven Mach, Commissioner Nelda Blair, Commissioner Larry Long, Commissioner Dan Hord III, and Commissioner Steve Stodghill. A quorum from the Public Safety Commission was present. Also present were Director Freeman Martin, Lt. Colonel Jason Taylor and General Counsel Phil Adkins.*

### II. INVOCATION

*Chaplain Ferman Carpenter delivered the invocation.*

### III. PLEDGES

*Trooper Francisco Garcia Harrison led the meeting in the Pledge of Alliance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.*

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*A motion was made by Commissioner Blair to approve the minutes of August 7, 2025, Public Safety Commission Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Long. The motion passed.*

## V. PRESENTATIONS

*(The DPS Public Information Office provided the following information from today's meeting.)*

### August 2025 Public Safety Commission Awards Presentations

#### DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE AWARDS:

The following employees were presented with a certificate in recognition of their **30 years** of service and accomplishment with the Texas Department of Public Safety:



Kathleen Murphy (Office of General Counsel)



Kimberley Stevens (Driver License Division)

The following employees were presented with a certificate in recognition of their **35 years** of service and accomplishment with the Texas Department of Public Safety:



Cecilia Woods (Driver License Division)



Eula Young (Homeland Security Division)

The following employees were presented with a certificate in recognition of their **45 years** of service and accomplishment with the Texas Department of Public Safety:



Rene Garza (Texas Highway Patrol Division)



Anthony Proveaux (Texas Highway Patrol Division)

**DIRECTOR'S CITATION:**  
**Ivan Brightwell (THP)**

On May 14, 2025, Trooper Brightwell arrived at the scene of a crash involving an SUV that struck the rear of an 18-wheeler in Chambers County. Trooper Brightwell discovered that the male subject was injured and trapped as the force of the impact of the SUV had become lodged under the rear of the semi-trailer. Body camera footage demonstrated that Trooper Brightwell obtained a prybar from his patrol unit without delay, and with a collaborative effort with others on the scene, worked tirelessly to gain access to the subject driver. Paramedic Sowell indicated that Trooper Brightwell went above and beyond the call of duty, working without interruptions and with limited tools. His efforts allowed first responders the ability to provide emergent care to the subject, as well as access to the interior of the vehicle, so the fire department could begin using hydraulic tools to cut subject free.



In recognition of his significant and decisive response to a life-threatening situation resulting in the saving of a life, **Trooper Ivan Brightwell** is hereby awarded the Director's Citation.

**DIRECTOR'S CITATION:**  
**Erick De Leon (THP)**

Throughout 2024, Corporal Erick De Leon has demonstrated extraordinary dedication and skill in both criminal interdiction and emergency medical responses. Due to Corporal De Leon's proactive patrol efforts, he seized 8.2 lbs of psilocybin, 18.4 lbs of marijuana, 6.6 lbs of THC oil, 7.2 lbs of promethazine, 67.2 grams of methamphetamine, and 57.01 grams of Xanax. His vigilance has seized over 61 weapons associated with criminal activities, the investigation of 8 vehicles involved in "engine swaps", apprehension of a suspect wanted for homicide, and approximately 220 criminal arrests, which included fugitives from justice.





As an Emergency Medical Responder, Corporal De Leon has been acknowledged by local Fire Departments and EMS. In May 2024, De Leon efficiently assessed and treated a male subject with an abdominal gunshot wound by applying combat gauze and ensuring quick transfer to medical facilities. In July 2024, Corporal De Leon responded to a suicide attempt involving a firearm. He applied a chest seal to the gunshot wound before EMS arrived, ensuring the survival of the subject. In August 2024, Corporal De Leon managed a critical situation involving a 16-year-old male subject with multiple gunshot wounds from a drive-by shooting. De Leon immediately applied two (2) chest seals and stabilized the subject until EMS arrived on the scene. In December 2024, Corporal De Leon encountered a shooting incident where he applied a tourniquet to a female subject with a leg wound, effectively stopping the bleeding until further medical help arrived.

In recognition of his significant and professional efforts in criminal interdiction and emergency medical responses, **Corporal Erick De Leon** is hereby awarded the Director's Citation.

#### **LIFESAVING AWARD:**

**Jeremy Ellis (THP)**  
**Ty Wilkerson (THP)**

On May 18, 2025, Troopers Jeremy Ellis and Ty Wilkerson responded to a major motor vehicle accident involving a wrong-way driver on the Dallas North Tollway. A Dodge Durango occupied by a male driver traveling the wrong way collided head-on with a Mercedes-Benz occupied by three (3) females, with both vehicles sustaining catastrophic front-end damage and the Durango actively on fire. As Troopers Ellis and Wilkerson arrived on the scene, they immediately approached the Mercedes-Benz and broke out the driver and passenger door windows to reach the occupants. While doing so, a small explosion erupted from the burning Durango, and both troopers were enveloped in thick smoke but continued



their efforts to assess and aid the female occupants. Tollway Roadside Safety Services Technicians worked to contain the flames with a fire extinguisher, but one technician was overcome by smoke. Troopers Ellis and Wilkerson redirected their focus to the driver of the Durango, who still showed signs of life. Trooper Wilkerson attempted to break the driver's side window. At the same time, Ellis was able to enter the rear passenger side and successfully extract the driver from the burning vehicle and carry him a safe distance away. Troopers Ellis and Wilkerson acted under extreme conditions, under threat from fire, toxic smoke, and risk of further explosions, without regard for their own safety.

In recognition of their significant and decisive response to a life-threatening situation resulting in the saving of a life, **Troopers Jeremy Ellis and Ty Wilkerson** are hereby awarded the Lifesaving Award.

### LIFESAVING AWARD:

**Andrew Faglie (THP)**



On January 28, 2025, Corporal Andrew Faglie was at the Canton Highway Patrol Office when he heard screams coming from the Driver License side of the office. A driver license employee ran in and asked for CPR as a child was choking. Corporal Faglie ran over and observed a male subject holding a 17-month-old baby boy in his arms. The child was face up with his eyes open, and lips were dark blue. Corporal Faglie immediately took the child, placed him face down, and began giving back thrusts. After four (4) thrusts, the child began struggling to breathe and cry. The child appeared to have severe congestion, and due to Corporal Faglie's concern of more congestion blocking his airway, he maintained the child in the same position, continuously patting his back to help clear any additional obstructions. As the child began to breathe easier, he was given back to his father but remained under observation until EMS arrived on the scene and transported the child to a local Children's Hospital.

In recognition of his significant and decisive response to a life-threatening situation resulting in the saving of a life, **Corporal Andrew Faglie** is hereby awarded the Lifesaving Award.

### LIFESAVING AWARD:

**Joshua R. Garcia (THP)**



On July 3, 2025, while working Operation Holiday, Trooper Joshua Garcia responded to a roadside medical emergency in Jackson County. As Trooper Garcia arrived on the scene, he observed a male subject reclining in the passenger seat with no signs of life and an unidentified individual on the scene attempting chest compressions. Garcia immediately instructed the individual to lay the subject on the ground. After checking for a pulse, Trooper Garcia began chest compressions until the subject started gasping for air. Trooper Garcia continued caring for the subject until EMS arrived and took over further medical treatment. The subject was transported to a local hospital, where he was stabilized and awaited heart surgery.

In recognition of his significant and decisive response to a life-threatening situation resulting in the saving of a life, **Trooper Joshua Garcia** is hereby awarded the Lifesaving Award.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*(Members of the public wishing to address the Commission are subject to a time limit of 5 minutes and must complete a Public Comment Registration Card located at the entry.)*

*Should a member of the public bring an item to the Commission for which the subject was not posted on the agenda of the meeting, state law provides that the Commission may receive the information but cannot act upon it at the meeting. The Commission may direct staff to contact the requestor or request that the issue be placed on a future agenda for discussion.)*

*Chairman Mach determined that there was no one wishing to make public comment.*

## VII. DIRECTORS REPORT


### A. Case Update: How Decisive Leadership Contributes to Life Saving Outcomes

*Colonel Freeman Martin introduced Corporal Durr to make his presentation.*

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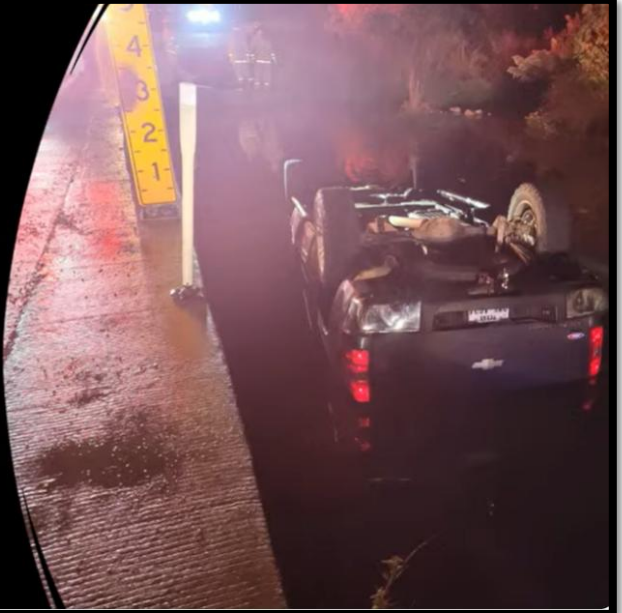
## Event

- Operation Lone Star
- October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Rocksprings, TX Edwards County
  - US Highway 377N
- Vehicle Pursuit
  - Speeds around 96MPH
  - Lasted for approximately 34 miles



*Corporal Justin Durr, Texas Highway Patrol reported on an event that happened on October 13, 2022. He was working under Operation Lone Star in Rock Springs, Texas in Edwards County, which experienced heavy human smuggling activity. At around 2 AM, he initiated a vehicle pursuit that lasted 34 miles at speeds around 96 mph. The vehicle rolled into*

*the Lano River 12 miles south of Junction, Texas, landing upside down with doors and windows completely submerged and pinned shut. Corporal Durr used a hammer to break out the driver's side windows and cut away deployed airbags. He had to swim partially into the cab to guide the five occupants through the cold, dark water to safety.*



- Pursuit ended when the fleeing Chevrolet Pickup rolled into the Llano River in Kimble County.
- Approximately 12 miles south of Junction, TX.
- Occupants trapped inside the cab of the vehicle.
- Doors of the vehicle were submerged and pinned shut in the cold, dark water.

*The rescue involved coordination with Kimball County Sheriff's Office, US Border Patrol, Junction Police Department, and Edwards County Sheriff's Office. The driver, Ruben Sandoval, was later convicted and sentenced to 99 years for smuggling of persons causing death, 20 years for smuggling a person's likelihood of serious bodily injury or death, and 20 years for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Three officers received life-saving awards from the 452nd District Attorney.*





Via | webex

## Saving Lives

We proceeded to rescue individuals one by one from the vehicle.

Assisting, or in my case, carrying them to the riverbank where other law enforcement was waiting to provide care.

Via | webex

## Saving Lives

- There were a total of 5 people trapped in the vehicle.
- 3 Males and 2 Females.
- Law enforcement acted quickly and without hesitation for our own safety.
- Strong and decisive leadership in the face of danger inspired swift action, coordinated efforts, and ultimately saved lives.

Via | webex

## 3 District Attorney Tonya Ahlschwede Lifesaving Award Recipients

- Texas Highway Patrol Corporal Justin Derr
- Kimble County Sheriff Matt Suttle
- Junction Police Department Officer Rupert Pena

Via | webex

## ARREST

After indictment, the 452<sup>nd</sup> DA's Office requested the assistance of DPS CID Austin for the fugitive apprehension of RUBEN SANDOVAL.

Via | webex

## JURY VERDICT & COURT SENTENCE

A Kimble County jury convicted Ruben Sandoval on all charges.

Sandoval elected to go to the Judge for sentencing-

Smuggling of Persons Causing Death – 99 years	Smuggling of Persons Likelihood of SBI or Death – 20 years	Aggravated Assault Deadly Weapon – 20 years
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## TRIAL CREW

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## Summary

- This event became an example of the brutality of human smuggling and the heroic actions that we as law enforcement take to combat it.
- Through close collaboration and open communication, law enforcement and prosecutors worked together to build a strong case and achieve a successful outcome.

## B. Colonel's Update

*Colonel Freeman Martin provided updates on three major governor directives.*

*First, increased hemp enforcement targeting approximately 10,000 vaping smoke shops in Texas where nefarious activities and products exceeding legal limits have been found. The strategy involves targeting*

*one shop per district per month, conducting undercover operations and product testing, and collaborating with federal partners while focusing on protecting children.*

*Second, a religious facility protection task force to protect churches, synagogues, and mosques statewide through social media campaigns, increased uniform presence, covert operations, training programs, and encouraging off-duty officers to carry weapons.*

*Third, a Harris County crime reduction initiative to address crime levels that remain too high despite a 22% reduction. The strategy targets repeat offenders with warrants, conducts covert operations against those on bond or probation, and saturates high crime areas with coordinated patrol involving multiple agencies. The goal is to make Houston, the largest city in Texas and the fourth largest city in the U.S., the safest large city in the nation.*

*Before moving on to new business, Chairman Mach acknowledged and thanked legislative staff attending the meeting:*

*From Governor Abbott's office, Scott MacNaughton*

*From Lt. Governor Patrick's office, Suzanne Tomlinson and Magan Moeller*

*From Senator Perry's office, Rob Callen*

*From Senator Flores's office, Kevin Pattenten*

*From Senator Birdwell's office, Shelby Sterling and Truman Crawford*

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Report, discussion, and possible action regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 CAO Internal Audit Strategy**



*Catherine Melvin, Chief Auditor, told the Commissioners that in their binders they would find the proposed year 2026 Internal Audit Strategy of which she was seeking approval today. The work performed by the Chief Auditor's Office is an important component of providing transparency and accountability. Our goals are economic, efficiency and effectiveness throughout the department's operations. We will continue to focus on critical risk areas yet maintain built-in flexibility to handle Commissioner's and management's requests for services as they may arrive throughout the year. This approach balances the need for agility and responsiveness.*

*We have added a new element, and that is performance objectives. Performance objectives are part of a requirement in our professional auditing standards that I have mentioned in previous presentations.*

*It is important to talk about what the plan does not cover and so while the proposed plan before you cover a wide-ranging scope of department responsibilities, it does not, nor does it intend to, address or provide complete coverage of all department components activities responsibilities etc.*

*The goal is to optimize our resources to provide reasonable coverage in areas that would most benefit from our services and address risk. I believe that the plan appropriately allocates our resources.*



*The Auditors Office would like to recognize and thank the Commission and Department management and staff for their assistance and their continued partnership and support throughout the year. I also appreciate the oversight and support of Commissioner Hord, our liaison to the Commission.*

*We are also currently undergoing an audit ourselves. Every three years the audit function undergoes a peer review which involves an auditor from another state agency. We expect to have some results later this month from that audit and I should have a report to the Commission in early November.*

*Chairman Mach reminded the Commissioners and attendees to the meeting that the Chief Auditor reports Directly to the Commission and is not under the Director or any other Department.*

*Commissioner Hord added that having worked with Chief Melvin throughout the year I have been very impressed with the quality of you and your team, and I think you are a model for other state agencies.*

*Chairman Mach thanked Commissioner Hord for being willing to serve as the commission's liaison to the Chief Auditor office. This is an important role.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Hord and seconded by Commissioner Stodghill to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 CAO Internal Audit Strategy.*

*The motion passed.*

**B. Discussion and possible action on the appointment of members to the Private Security Advisory Committee**

*Chief Wayne Mueller, Regulatory Services Division recommended Stephen Moninger for appointment to the Private Security Advisory Committee as a public member for a term until October 2031. Monninger is a recently retired 20-year DPS employee who served as Senior Policy Analyst in the Regulatory Services Division for the last 10 years and as Managing Attorney in the Office of Regulatory Counsel for the first 10 years. He has extensive experience with the private security program and license to carry cases, having been involved in drafting hundreds of rules and regulations. The committee has 7 members with 4 licensed representatives and 3 public membership slots. Three applications were received, and Monninger was selected as the most qualified candidate. The Commission approved the appointment unanimously.*

*A motion was made to appoint Steven Moninger to the Public Member seat on the Private Security Advisory Committee by Commissioner Blair and was seconded by Commissioner Hord.*

*The motion passed.*

**C.** Final Determination in Contested Cases – consideration and possible actions on Proposals for Decision:

1. SOAH Docket No. 405-25-13237.MVI – Mahmud Hossain – Revocation

*Phil Adkins, General Counsel, stated that SOAH held a hearing regarding Mahmud Hossain's clean scanning of vehicles and recommended the revocation of his vehicle inspection license*

2. SOAH Docket No. 405-25-16550.PSB – Cecily Javonne Lewis – Administrative Penalty

*General Counsel Adkins said that the SOAH administrative hearing had determined that Ms. Lewis had provided private security services without being engaged with a licensed security firm and recommended an administrative penalty of \$100.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Blair and seconded by Commissioner Long to adopt the administrative court's recommendation of 1, suspension of license and 2, administrative penalty.*

*The motion passed.*

**D.** Report, discussion, and possible action on the following rule proposals for publication to receive public comment:

1. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Section 6.14 and proposed new 37 TAC Section 6.19, concerning Eligibility and Application Procedures for a License to Carry a Handgun
2. Proposed new 37 TAC Section 6.111 and Section 6.112, concerning Tactical Medical Professional Instructor Certification
3. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Section 10.24 and proposed new 37 TAC Section 10.25, concerning Military Service Members, Veterans, and Spouses – Special Conditions for Vendor Authorizations
4. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Section 23.25, concerning Vehicle Inspection Fees
5. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Section 23.93 and proposed new 37 TAC Section 23.95, concerning Military Service Members, Veterans, and Spouses – Special Conditions
6. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Section 35.183 and proposed new 37 TAC Section 35.186, concerning Military Service Members, Military Veterans, and Military Spouses – Special Conditions
7. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Section 36.33 and proposed new Section 36.39, concerning Practice by Certificate Holders and Reporting Requirements
8. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Section 36.43 and proposed new 37 TAC Section 36.45, concerning Military Exemptions
9. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Section 36.60, concerning Administrative Penalties

*Chief Mueller stated that items 1-9 are all legislatively mandated modifications brought about through the last legislative session.*

10. Proposed new 37 TAC Section 39.1 – 39.3, concerning Automated Motor Vehicles

*Item 10 is related to commercial autonomous motor vehicles carrying passengers or freight and new requirements that mandate a contact phone number and QR Code be posted on the*

*outside of the vehicle so that emergency responders can have information on ownership and how to disable the automated aspects of the vehicle.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Blair and seconded by Commissioner Long to approve all 10 items for requisite posting in the Texas Register for public review and comment.*

*The motion passed.*

**E. Intelligence Threat Briefing (Clearance Required – Executive Session Expected)**  
*This item was handled in Executive Session.*

## **IX. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**A.** Report, discussion, and possible adoption of the following previously published rules:

1. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Section 4.13, concerning Authority to Enforce, Training and Certificate Requirements
2. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Section 12.11, concerning Application for License
3. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Section 12.23, concerning Revocation
4. Proposed new 37 TAC Section 12.35, concerning Security of Satellite Locations
5. Proposed amendments to 37 TAC Sections 14.51 – 14.54, concerning School Bus Safety Standards

*Bryan Rippee, Chief Texas Highway Patrol, addressed items 1 and 5. Item 1 addressed Training Certificate Requirements and received no public comments. And item 5 concerned School Bus safety requirements in 2025 or newer buses. It also received no public comments.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Hord to approve items 1 and 5 as published in Texas Register.*

*The motion passed.*

*Chief Wayne Mueller discussed Items 2-4 as they relate to the compassionate use program rules changes that the legislature made this last session*

*Item number two has to do with the intake and processing of applications to that program. Those rules have to do with perspective or process intake application and do not apply to the current expansion process that we are right in the middle of. At the last meeting there was still some confusion in the public regarding this*

*What item number three has to do with potential revocation of a license if the licensee cannot prove to be operational at the required minimum capacity. The consequence for failure to maintain operations is potentially revocation.*



*Item four has to do with the requirements for security around satellite locations because the main point of satellite location is to store product.*

*We received two comments; one was in favor of the proposed rules and the second was non consequential.*

*Chief Mueller asked the Commission to adopt items 2, 3 and 4 so that they may be placed in the Texas administrative code.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Hord to adopt the rules as for items 2, 3, and 4 as posted in the Texas Register.*

*The motion passed.*

**B. Report, discussion, and possible action regarding the modification of the DPS organizational structure and the appointment, promotion, ratification, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a member of the Department or Commission management team**

*Colonel Martin presented two personnel appointments for Commission approval. First, Vanessa Mayo was recommended for Chief of the Finance Division to replace Susie Whittington. Mayo started her career at the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission 20 years ago, was promoted to Chief Financial Officer in 2015, joined DPS in 2022 as Assistant Chief of the Finance Division, and most recently served as Assistant Chief of the Regulatory Services Division. She holds a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's in International Business from the University of Texas at El Paso. She was selected from a competitive field that included other highly qualified candidates.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Blair and seconded by Commissioner Long to appoint Venessa Mayo to be the Chief of the Finance Division, replacing retired Chief Suzy Whittenten.*

*Second, John Kelly was recommended to be Assistant Chief of the Information Technology Division. Kelly is a seasoned technology leader with over 20 years of experience in manufacturing, oil and gas, healthcare, and government industries. He most recently served as Director of IT Infrastructure at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, leading 150 IT professionals supporting enterprise-scale operations for hundreds of thousands of users statewide. He previously worked at Baylor Scott and White and Exxon Mobil and holds a bachelor's degree in Telecommunication Engineering Technology from Texas A&M University.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Blair and seconded by Commissioner Hord to appoint John Kelley to be new Assistant Chief of the Information Technology Division.*

*The motion passed.*

*Below is the press release sent out by the Department for these two appointments:*



*(Left to Right: Chief Vanessa Mayo and AC John Kelley)*

### **DPS Names Two to Leadership Positions During Public Safety Commission Meeting**

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announces two leadership changes, which were confirmed by the Public Safety Commission (PSC) during its meeting today at DPS Headquarters.

“The Finance and IT Divisions are critical to the vitality and efficiency of this department,” said DPS Colonel Freeman F. Martin. “Without these divisions, we simply cannot do the work we need to do across this state, so I am thrilled with these appointments, and I look forward to seeing the tremendous work these individuals will do in the years ahead.”

The following personnel were appointed:

#### **Vanessa Mayo, Chief, Finance Division *(Pictured Top Left)***

**Vanessa Mayo** began her career in state service with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) in 2005 as an auditor in the Austin area. Over the years, she held various positions across the state, including quality assurance, regional compliance supervisor and deputy chief financial officer. In 2015, Mayo was promoted to chief financial officer at TABC, where she oversaw budget, accounting, revenue, purchasing, contracting and more. During her time at TABC, she completed four Legislative Appropriation Requests, one Strategic Fiscal Review, two agency-wide IT initiatives and implemented CAPPs-Financials. In May 2022, Mayo joined DPS as an assistant chief of the Finance Division, overseeing accounting functions. During her first period with Finance, she implemented an automated travel solution for DPS. In May 2024, Mayo transferred to the Regulatory Services Division of DPS as assistant chief, where she has played a key role in managing the department’s Texas Compassionate Use Program.

Mayo earned a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's degree in international business from the University of Texas at El Paso. She has been a certified fraud examiner for 13 years, graduated from the Texas Fiscal Officers' Academy and completed the Governor’s Executive Development Program.

Mayo takes over former Chief Suzy Whittenton, who retired in September.

**John Kelley, Assistant Chief, Information Technology Division (*Pictured Top Right*)**

**John Kelley** is a seasoned technology leader with more than 20 years of experience in the manufacturing, oil and gas, healthcare and government industries. He most recently served as director of IT infrastructure – system services at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHS), where he led a team of approximately 150 IT professionals supporting enterprise-scale operations for hundreds of thousands of users statewide and approximately 50,000 internal users. While at HHS, Kelley also served as contact center technology manager, director of health and specialty care support and director of collaboration and mobility. He has also held roles at Baylor Scott & White Health and ExxonMobil.

Kelley holds a bachelor's degree in telecommunications engineering technology from Texas A&M University.

- X.** Report, discussion, and possible action regarding ongoing criminal investigations pursuant to Government Code § 411.0041 (Executive Session anticipated)

*This item was handled in Executive Session.*

**XI. REPORTS**

- A.** Commission member reports and discussion
- B.** Finance Report
- C.** Chief Auditors Office
- D.** Division status reports on activities and action

*There were no additional reports presented.*

**XII. CONSENT ITEMS**

*All of the following items may be enacted with one motion. These items are typically self-explanatory or have been previously considered by the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a commissioner so requests.*

- A.** Advice and consent regarding Colonel's determination that certain probationary employees were found unsuitable for work during August and September 2025
- B.** Discussion and possible action on appointments of Special Rangers and Special Texas Rangers pursuant to Government Code Chapter 411, Secs. 411.023 and 411.024: Special Rangers: Scott Douglas Apple, Jason Eric Brewer, Deon Kenny Cockrell, Renita Lamell Coleman, Kathleen Ann Conley, Larry Wayne Cosby, Brant Lamun Doddy, Sharleigh Denise Drake, Esther Edinger, Kyle Jordan Edwards, Phillip Travis Fuller, Jacinto Gutierrez, Jr., Bobby Donald Harper, Travis Martin Hounshell, Kevin Judson Hunt, James Eric Long, Joseph Carl Longway, Linda Christine Lopez, Clarence David Magee, Dustin Thoms Mathews, Michael Ray Neal, Rhonda Lynette Perry, John Dawson Pierce, Sergio Ramirez, Jr., Lucinda Jaye Russell, Bradley Wayne Sanders, Daniel Ray Self, Edward Lamoin Shaw, Byron Skinner, Danny Wallace Smith, Steven Wade Tuggle, John Dallas Waits, Arthur Warren Wright; and Special Texas Rangers: Robert Brandon Bess, Clarence Henry McDonald III, Stacy James McNeal, and Matthew Bryan Sigur



### **C. Donations:**

1. Texas Highway Patrol – PrePass Safety Alliance (The Alliance), currently installed electronic commercial vehicle bypass system equipment and services for the period of five (5) years
2. Additional donation items, as needed

*Chairman Mach asked Colonel Taylor if there were any additions or changes recommended for the Consent items. Hearing none he asked for a motion.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Horde to approve all the consent items listed.*

*The motion passed.*

### **XIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

*Chairman Mach asked the Commissioners to get any items that they would like considered at the next PSC Meeting to Phil Adkins or Sophie Yanez.*

### **XIV. DATE FOR FUTURE MEETING**

Discharge hearings will be scheduled for December 10, 2025; and the regular Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2025.

*The next Public Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2025.*

### **XV. ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

(If required) to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation or settlement offers or to receive legal advice on items posted on this agenda; deliberation regarding real estate matters; consideration of any other items authorized by law, including personnel matters, the director's action of discharging employees as identified in this agenda; ongoing criminal investigations

*Chairman Mach adjourned the Public Safety Commission meeting to executive session at 11:23 am.*

### **XVI. ADJOURN**

The Commission may take items out of the order in which they are posted on this agenda. Also, an item that has been adopted, passed upon, delayed or tabled for a later meeting may be considered or reconsidered at the same meeting.

The Public Safety Commission may meet and discuss it in Executive Session and have action taken in an Open Meeting where required on the following items:

Government Code Sec. 551.071 Consultation and deliberation with legal counsel about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer, or on a matter where the Commissioners seek the advice of their attorney as privileged communications under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, and to discuss the Open Meetings Act and the Administrative Procedures Act with their attorney  
Government Code Sec. 551.074 Appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of director, assistant director, and persons

appointed to management team positions pursuant to Govt. Code Sec. 411.0071  
Government Code Sec. 551.076 Deliberations about security audits, security devices,  
including deployment and implementation of security personnel and devices Government  
Code Chapter 411, Sec. 411.0041 Ongoing criminal investigations Government Code  
Sec. 551.072 Deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property,  
if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the  
government body in negotiations with a third person

Government Code Sec. 551.073 Deliberation of a negotiated contract for a prospective  
gift or donation to the state or the governmental body if deliberation in an open meeting  
would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations  
with a third person







