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OPEN MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MAY 6, 2009

On the 6th day of May, 2009, the following
meeting was held in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

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APPEARANCES

COMMISSIONERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION:

Allan B Polunsky, Chair

C. Tom Clowe, Jr

Carin Marcy Barth

Ada Brown

John Steen

DIRECTOR'S STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

Lt. Colonel Lamar Beckworth, Assistant Director

1 MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Brown?

2 MS. BROWN: Present.

3 MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Barth?

4 MS. BARTH: Present.

5 MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Clowe?

6 MR. CLOWE: Present.

7 MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Steen?

8 MR. STEEN: Present.

9 MR. POLUNSKY: Let the record show that
10 I am present.

11 A quorum of the Public Safety Commission
12 is present and the public meeting of the commission is
13 called to order. I will now proceed. The time is
14 5:00 p.m. The location of this meeting is the regular
15 location for the Public Safety Commission meetings, the
16 Criminal Law Enforcement Auditorium at 6100 Guadalupe,
17 as posted in the agenda.

18 This meeting has been called as an
19 emergency meeting. As there is a basis for an
20 emergency meeting, we will consider the agenda items
21 that have been posted for this meeting.

22 Is there a motion at this time?

23 MR. CLOWE: Mr. Chairman, I believe it
24 is important for the Commission to document the reason
25 for this emergency meeting. The following information

1 has either been provided to me or known to me and I
2 believe it would be beneficial for the Commission to
3 hear it in the form of a motion and then either confirm
4 or deny the findings requested by the motion.

5 I move that the Commission document that
6 notice of this meeting was posted with the Secretary of
7 the State on May 4th, 2009. The agenda identifies a
8 subject matter of significance and importance to public
9 safety in the State of Texas. The director of the
10 department chose to step down from his position with
11 the department on May 4th, 2009 and is retiring,
12 therefore, it is incumbent upon the Public Safety
13 Commission to discuss and take action regarding an
14 interim director for the Department of Public Safety.

15 We could not have reasonably foreseen
16 this matter in order to address it at our last meeting.
17 The matter cannot be postponed until a regularly-called
18 meeting can be scheduled. Immediate action is required
19 in this matter. I have been advised by staff that the
20 notice of emergency meeting has been communicated to
21 the public. I hereby move that the Commission consider
22 my summary of what I believe to be the facts
23 necessitating this meeting today and, if the commission
24 members are in agreement that such facts appear to be
25 true, that we proceed to adopt them as a finding to

1 support the basis for this emergency meeting.

2 MR. STEEN: Second.

3 MR. POLUNSKY: Thank you. It has been
4 moved by Commissioner Clowe and seconded by
5 Commissioner Steen that there are sufficient facts
6 present to justify an emergency meeting of the Texas
7 Public Safety Commission. Is there any discussion on
8 this motion?

9 There is no discussion. All in favor
10 please say aye. Any against, no. Motion passes and
11 there is a basis now established for an emergency
12 meeting.

13 We will now consider the agenda items
14 that have been posted for this meeting.

15 The Texas Public Safety Commission will
16 now go into Executive Session. This is authorized by
17 the Texas Open Meetings Act under the following
18 provisions: To receive legal advice from its attorney
19 under Government Code, Section 551.071, and to consider
20 personnel matters under Government Code, Section
21 551.074.

22 The Public Safety Commission will move
23 to a meeting room adjacent to this auditorium, so no
24 one needs to leave the room at this time.

25 (Executive Session from 5:04 to 6:33)

1 MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Brown?

2 MS. BROWN: Present.

3 MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Barth?

4 MS. BARTH: Present.

5 MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Clowe.

6 MR. CLOWE: Present.

7 MR. POLUNSKY: Commissioner Steen?

8 MR. STEEN: Present.

9 MR. POLUNSKY: I am present. The Public
10 Safety Commission is now reconvened in open session at
11 6:33 p.m. We will now take up the agenda items.

12 item one on the agenda: Discussion and
13 possible action to appoint an interim director of the
14 Department of Public Safety.

15 Is there a motion?

16 MS. BARTH: Mr. Chairman?

17 MR. POLUNSKY: Ms. Barth.

18 MS. BARTH: I'd like to move that we
19 appoint Lamar Beckworth as the interim director of the
20 Department of Public Safety.

21 MR. POLUNSKY: Is there a second to that
22 motion?

23 MS. BROWN: Second.

24 MR. POLUNSKY: It's been moved by
25 Commissioner Barth and seconded by Commissioner Brown

1 that the Public Safety Commission appoint Lamar
2 Beckworth as the interim director of the Texas
3 Department of Public Safety. Is there a discussion on
4 this item?

5 There is no discussion. All those in
6 favor, please say aye. Any against, no. Motion
7 passes.

8 Congratulations, Colonel Beckworth.
9 Would you like to say anything?

10 MR. BECKWORTH: Yes, sir, I would.
11 First of all, I want to thank the Public Safety
12 Commission for having the confidence to appoint me as
13 interim director of the Department of Public Safety. I
14 commit to you and to all of our employees and to the
15 citizens of the State of Texas that I will do my very
16 best to ensure that this agency carries on the
17 outstanding work for the Texas citizens of this state.
18 That is our goal; that is our mission; that is our
19 commitment. I task all of our employees to support the
20 mission of the team that we have in place to move this
21 agency forward. We're excited about the opportunity
22 that we have in force and I want to assure the Public
23 Safety Commission that you will not be disappointed in
24 this appointment. Thank you very much.

25 MR. POLUNSKY: Thank you, Colonel

1 Beckworth. I am quite sure that we will not be
2 disappointed. We are quite pleased that you have
3 decided to accept this position and we have all the
4 confidence in the world that you will do an exemplary
5 job.

6 MR. BECKWORTH: Thank you very much.

7 MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, I was pleased
8 to see that Colonel Beckworth got a standing ovation
9 and I just want the record to reflect that.

10 MR. POLUNSKY: Any further discussion on
11 anything?

12 MR. CLOWE: Move we adjourn.

13 MR. POLUNSKY: There's a motion to
14 adjourn. Is there a second?

15 MS. BARTH: Second.

16 JUDGE SILVERSTONE: All those in favor,
17 please say aye. Meeting is adjourned.

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I, Kim Furr, Certified Shorthand Reporter in and for the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing contains a true and correct transcription of my stenographic notes taken in the above-captioned cause at the Texas Public Safety Commission meeting in Austin, Texas.

Witness my hand this 9th day of May, 2009.

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