

**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
February 12, 2014
AUSTIN, TX**

The Public Safety Commission convened in Austin, Texas on February 12, 2014. Attending the meeting were Chairman Cynthia Leon, Commissioners Steven Mach, Randy Watson and Manny Flores. A quorum was present at the meeting. DPS staff members and guests were also present.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leon at 10:02 a.m. Proper notice had been posted.

Chairman Leon introduced our newest Commissioner, Manny Flores. Mr. Flores was appointed by Governor Perry on December 19, 2013. Commissioner Flores is the Chief Executive Officer of LatinWorks and is an advisory board member of Helping Hand Home for Children and the United Way of great Austin Community Board, and a volunteer of SafePlace. Mr. Flores is also past co-chair of the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Celebrando Austin event, and past member of the St. Michael's Academy Board of Trustees.

Presentations

William P. Clements Leadership Award
Commissioned – Texas Ranger Steven W. Jeter
Non-Commissioned – Paul W. Brown

Unit Citation

Polygraph Unit, Criminal Investigations Division

Life Saving Award

Trooper Mario Garcia

Service Awards

Patricia Banks – 40 years

Bruce Pickel – 35 years

Carol Crowell – 30 years

Chet Jones – 30 years

James Kilchenstein Jr – 30 years

Sandra Uzzell – 30 years

Discharge Appeal Hearing

Possible action regarding DPS employees:

Phillip Frear

Jose L. Sosa Jr.

Commissioner Mach moved to affirm the director's decision to discharge Phillip Frear. Commissioner Flores seconded the motion. Commissioner Mach, Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Watson, and Chairman Leon voted to affirm the director's decision.

Commissioner Mach moved to affirm the director's decision to discharge Jose L. Sosa Jr. Commissioner Flores seconded the motion. Commissioner Mach, Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Watson, and Chairman Leon voted to affirm the director's decision.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Read and approved this 10th day of April, 2014.



Presiding Officer

IN THE MATTER OF § BEFORE THE
THE APPEAL OF DISCHARGE OF § PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
PHILLIP FREAR § IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TX

ORDER

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Public Safety Commission convened to hear the appeal of discharge of Phillip Frear, on the 12th day of February, 2014. Mr. Frear received adequate notice of the hearing on this matter and did appear in person. 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 Phillip Frear, and affirms the Director's decision in this matter.

ENTERED AND SIGNED on the 12th day of February, 2014.



A. Cynthia Leon, Chair
Public Safety Commission

IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPEAL OF DISCHARGE OF
JOSE LUIS SOSA, JR.

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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 Jose Luis Sosa, Jr., on the 12th day of February, 2014. Mr. Sosa 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 Jose Luis Sosa, Jr., and affirms the Director's decision in this matter.

ENTERED AND SIGNED on the 12th day of February, 2014.



A. Cynthia Leon, Chair
Public Safety Commission