

**Killeen Police Department
Academy Training Center Advisory Board
October 25, 2021**

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Acosta at 1:05 pm

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Ricardo Acosta (Chairman), Gina Pence (Board Member), Assistant Chief Jeff Donohue (Admin Bureau), Commander Robert Rush (Training Division Commander), Lt. Thomas Smith (ex-Officio)

Members Absent: Laura Segarra, Jason Degenhardt, Commander Antonia McDaniel

III. Old Business

- A. Discussed both old business and new business from October 2020 meeting.
- B. Revisited 2020 goal of meeting two times per calendar year. Decided October at the beginning of the new fiscal year and April as a mid-year budget review.
- C. Discussed renewed academy license.

IV. New Business (Lt. Smith / Commander Rush)

- A. Introductions of new leadership in new positions. AC Donohue, Commander Rush and Lt. Smith were all introduced.
- B. Reviewed new Police Department organizational structure and responsibilities of the Training Division.
- C. Discussed fiscal health of Training Division and financial responsibilities of the division commander.
- D. Gina Pence announced she would step down at the end of the calendar year to give someone else an opportunity to serve and allow for fresh eyes and a new voice on the board. Members present accepted.
- E. Discussed Texas Police Chiefs Association leadership module adopted by KPD.
- F. Discussed academy increasing from 696 to 720 hours sometime during this fiscal year. New curriculum has not been announced.

V. General Comments and Suggestions

- A. Ms. Pence requested information about both KPD internal resiliency and how officers are handling mental health interactions with consumers.
- B. Discussed suicide awareness sessions going on for all KPD employees.
- C. Discussed Smart Dollar as part of comprehensive wellness program.

VI. Meeting Adjourned

- A. Meeting adjourned by Mr. Acosta at 2:18 pm.