

Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

Friday, August 26, 2022

11:30 AM

Meeting called to order at 11:37 AM

CapMetro Employees: Peter Breton, Wanda Dunham, Darryl Jamail, Troy Officer, Edna Parra, Brian Robinson, Eric Robins.

Committee Members: Kathryn Kalinowski, Brent Payne, Adam Powell, Christian Shelmire, Lauren Taylor, Leslie York.

Call to Order

Chair Adam Powell

Welcome & Agenda Overview

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Darryl Jamail introduces **Eric Robins**, the new Chief Administrator of the CapMetro Transit Police. The committee goes into introductions.

Overview of Transit Police Formation Steps

Eric Robins; Chief Administrator – Transit Police

Eric Robins overviews the steps needed to completely form a robust transit police force, such as training requirements, (examples), as well as community engagement, input from CapMetro staff, staff, and TCOLE requirements.

Leslie York asks if CapMetro is looking at locations for a future station. **Eric Robins** responds and explains that they are currently looking at a location off of Cameron Rd.

Adam Powell asks how CapMetro views coordinating the Transit Police with the Public Safety Ambassadors and Community Intervention Specialists. **Eric Robins** says that those programs help cover needs for law enforcement and help address issues that law enforcement can't handle effectively.

Leslie York requests an overview of what training new officers would look like. **Eric Robins** explains the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement certification processes, as well as an overview of CapMetro specific trainings or processes that may occur.

Adam Powell inquires about the process of hiring a Deputy Chief. **Eric Robins** says that CapMetro will be posting the job in 2-3 months, and that CapMetro wants to take time to find the right person. There is no definitive date for when a Deputy Chief will be hired.

Wanda Dunham mentions that there was a large amount of community involvement in the hiring of **Eric Robins** as Chief Administrator, and gives thanks to the committee members for the input and resources that they provided.

Fares Program Pilot Update

Edna Parra; Manager, Community Engagement and Outreach

Edna Parra outlines the two new fare programs, fare capping - where you only pay the cost of a day pass in a day, or a month pass in a month - and Equifare, which is a new discounted fare category. These new fare programs will be administrated through a new card system called AMP, where you can either have a physical card or a virtual card on your phone. She also discusses possible opportunities to register, verify, and educate riders.

Leslie York asks if university discounts will continue to exist with the new system, and **Edna Parra** confirms.

Advisory Committee Meet & Greet / Q&A with PSAC & CapMetro Staff

Committee Discussion

The committee discusses possible options for off-month meetings and settles on a meet-and-greet with Eric Robins in September. **Lauren Taylor** mentions that as the committee works through different topics as things develop, planning meetings month by month seems most appropriate.

Approval of the minutes – Motion to approve by Adam Powell/2nd by Brent Payne. Passed with unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 12:34 PM.