

**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, 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/2<sup>nd</sup> by Brent Payne. Passed with unanimous consent.

***Meeting adjourned at 12:34 PM.***