

Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

Friday, August 30, 2024

11:30 AM

Virtual Presentation

CapMetro Employees: Samia Arni, Jeremy Benoit, Peter Breton, Kevin Conlan, Darryl Jamail, Kelsey Lammy, Nina Loehr, Joseph Rose, Emmanuel Toutin, Yvonne Wilson.

Committee Members: Kathryn Kalinowski, Adam Powell, Monica Sanchez, Lauren Taylor, Christian Tschoepe.

Meeting called to order at 11:35 AM

Welcome / Introductions / Call to Order

Chair Taylor

Approval of the minutes – Motion to approve by Lauren Taylor / 2nd by Adam Powell – passes unanimously.

Public Communications

Proposed FY2025 Budget

Emmanuel Toutin, Director of Budget and Financial Planning

Emmanuel Toutin overviews the proposed FY2025 budget, including the budget development calendar, an operating budget summary, capital budget highlights, and next steps for approval.

TPD Update

Joseph Rose, Assistant Chief of Police

Joseph Rose overviews key accomplishments in standing up CapMetro's Transit Police Department, including the official swearing-in of Eric Robins as the Chief of Police, himself as the Assistant Chief of Police, and Jeremy Benoit as a Captain, as well as the next steps ahead for recruiting sergeants and officers.

Kathryn Kalinowski asks about CapMetro's recruiting strategy for sergeants, specifically if there are lessons learned from the Austin Police Department's difficulties in finding candidates. **Joseph Rose** explains that being a new police department is an advantage, and hiring for sergeants is generally easier than for officers.

Subcommittee Update

Peter Breton, Community Engagement Coordinator

Peter Breton overviews past and upcoming subcommittee meetings, provides a summary of the progress of transit police policies that have gone through the community engagement process, and asks for feedback on a staff recommendation to streamline the process.

Committee members discuss the recommendation and provide feedback on how to move forward. **Kathryn Kalinowski** says that more information on the remaining policies to be developed would be helpful, and **Peter Breton** says he will work with staff to share more information.

2024 Cadence and 2025 Calendar

Committee Discussion

Peter Breton asks for feedback on a staff recommendation to return PSAC to a bi-monthly meeting cadence and to confirm upcoming meeting dates.

Committee members discuss the recommendation and share their support.

Lauren Taylor / 2nd Monica Sanchez; Motion to approve CapMetro staff's recommendation for the remaining 2024 meeting dates and for 2025 meetings to start in February. 5 Yeas - passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:24 PM