

Austin Police Retired Officers Association  
General Membership Meeting  
March 9, 2022

1. Roll Call of Officers

President	Dennis Farris - P
Past President	George Vanderhule - P
Vice President	Liz Merrill - A
Secretary/Treasurer	Randy Malone - P
Sgt. at Arms	Baby Ruth Bullock - P
Board 1	Gary Rosch - P
Board 2	Calvin Smith - P
Board 3	John Sisson - P
Board 4	

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by K.C. Conner to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2021 meeting as written, Second by Haffelder.

Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote.

4. Membership report: (Est: May 9, 2003, 234 Retirees when formed)

Of the current 997 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership, that we know of, we have 590 members, 125 of which are Lifetime Members. In addition we have 17 Honorary Members and 10 Associate Members.

New Lifetime Member(s)	Liz Donegan – 12-15-21
	Brian Laggos – 12-15-21
	Trent Goertz – 12-15-2021
	Lorenzo Cyphers – 2-28-2022

Val's Honorary Membership – Submitted by Dennis Farris

Motion made by Felecia Williams-Dennis to accept Val Escobar as an Honorary Member of the APROA, second by Carl Zimmerman.

Justin Berry was introduced to members. Justin is an active officer who is running for Texas House District 19

Anthony Hipolito (Retired APD) was introduced to members. He is running for Hays County Sheriff in 2024.

## 5. Reports of Committees-

### **Benevolent Committee – (Ruth Bullock/Felecia Williams-Dennis)**

Joe Colbert in Hospice Care

Tim Atkinson passed away

John Kostohryz passed away

Jimmy Brown diagnosed with stage-2 Bladder Cancer

Carol Christ, Paul Christ's wife passed away after a fight with cancer

Senior Police Officer Eric Lindsey passed away 12-5-2021

Kevin and Kip Ramsey's mother, Dannie Fay Ramsey, passed away 1-15-2022

Pedro “Leo” Seguin passed away 1-31-2022

Elbert Franks is out of surgery, doing okay after a quadruple bypass.

Marve Murray’s mother, Loretta Murray, passed away on 2-3-2022

Norris McKenzie's mother passed away

Mike Dunn's mother, Dolores June Dunn, passed away 2-27-2022

Harlan Scales had surgery 3-1-2022 and it went well, appears to be cancer free

Former APD Chaplain Lance Herst is in ICU due to Covid and heart attack

Cathy Ellison’s father, Royce Ellison, passed away 3-6-2022

James Bixler - In Hospice care

Baby Ruth scheduled for back surgery 3-11-2022

### **Entertainment Committee – Randy Malone -**

We are booked for 4-9-2022 at the Creedmoor Community Center, 12511 FM 1625, Creedmoor, Texas 78610, for our next Social. We are inviting the Retired APD Civilians to join us and as always, the event is free to Members, APD Retired Civilians and one guest each. Additional guest will cost \$10.00. We do not have a complete listing of all Retired APD Civilians so if you have contact with some, make sure they know about the event and if they are not getting our e-mails, ask them to contact Randy Malone (512-658-0692 / [randy@randymalone.com](mailto:randy@randymalone.com)).

### **RSVP Deadline for the Social – 4-2-2022**

### **Retirement Committee – (Carl Zimmerman) –**

Zimmerman reported that in January we had 16 retirements, and 6 officers resigned.

### **Legislative – (Dennis Farris) - No Report**

### **APA Liaison Committee – Robert Gross –**

The APA discussed the cost of legal coverage CLEAT will be facing due to indictments being issued.

### **City of Austin Benefits Committee - (Liz Merrill & Gary Rosch)**

Rosch indicated the City was looking at cost saving proposals.

**Membership Committee – (\_\_\_\_\_)**

Dennis Farris reported that Board members were in the process of updating information on all retirees.

**Social Media Committee – (Dennis Farris)**

Dennis Farris reported that we were staying on top of officers support.

**Treasurer Report - Randy Malone – Reports attached**

**Austin Police Memorial Fund – Jim O’Leary**

Jim O’Leary sent word that the Austin Police Memorial Fund would not be turned over to the APROA. They are working to get it’s status changed to a 501 (C) 3.

Motion made by Gary Rosch to accept the Committee Reports, Second by Baby Ruth..

Discussion – None – Approved by Voice vote.

6. Communications and Bills – none

7. Unfinished Business –

Place 4 Board Member – The Board vacancy along with the Election Rules were posted 1-14-2022. Only one Member submitted a “Statement of Interest”,

Motion made by Sisson that Joe Munoz be elected to fill the vacant Board 4 position on the APROA Board, Second by Haffelder.

Discussion – None – Approved by Voice vote.

8. New Business –

Chief Chacon addressed the membership in regards to the many resignations and retirements happening each month. He also indicated he is short staffed in 911 and Crime Scene Techs and could not compete with the hourly rate being offered by private industry.

Chief Chacon did report that they were so short handed officers can work seven days a week, many times getting paid double time, including events like SXSW.

Issues discussed with the Chief:

Possible day each month to get a new Id card

Possible access to building for retirees

Speaker - EFG - Elite Financing Group (TeamAldrete.com) - Jorge Aldrete / Richard Cortez

Membership was addressed regarding EFG offering borrowers a full spectrum of integrated loan processing, underwriting and direct lending services.

Second social – At the January 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting Dennis Farris indicated he would like to move forward with having two Socials a year, one in North Austin area the other in South Austin area. Baby Ruth made a motion that the APROA have two Socials each year, one north and one south, second by Calvin Smith.

Catering for March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting provided by attorney James Woods.

Mr Woods introduced himself and discussed some of the help he has helped officers with.

Re-Write the Constitution and By-laws

Dennis Farris reported that we were working to re-write our Constitution. Other than the election section, which we realized was outdated when we had our first contested election, do you know of other changes we need to look at and possibly update?

Raffle Tickets – It was brought to the Board’s attention that the manner in which we were selling our raffle tickets was in violation of the law. This issue was quickly fixed.

The Board Endorsed David McDonald (Retired APD, Member in good standing) for Leander City Council.

Ammo for Sale – We have added Ammo to our Merchandise since the department had to cut the retirees from getting ammo due to the shortages. We will only be carrying 9MM and 40Cal.

\$20 cash or \$21 cc for 9mm, \$25 cash or \$26 cc for 40. Limit 100 rounds per member.

New Logo design – (posted on website) Order direct from vendor – Facebook - Best Freakin Embroidery, or by phone 512-317-2980

19 Strong bucket – Dennis Farris indicated he had a bucket for donations to help the officers who were being indicted.

Felecia Williams-Dennis – Medicare

Felecia wanted to ask members to give her input into what programs with medicare they have along with issues they may have encountered.

Door Prize – Tim Smith

## 9. Adjournment

Motion made by Vanderhule to adjourn, second by Zimmerman..

Discussion – None – Approved by Voice vote

Meeting Adjourned

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Randy Malone – Secretary/Treasurer