

Austin Police Retired Officers Association
General Membership Meeting
November 13, 2019

1. Roll Call of Officers

President	George Vanderhule - P
Past President	Tommie Haffelder - P
Vice President	Elizabeth Merrill - P
Secretary/Treasurer	Randy Malone - P
Sgt. at Arms	Ruth Bullock - P
Board 1	Kermit Schernik - P
Board 2	John Sisson - P
Board 3	Dennis Farris - P
Board 4	Donnie Williamson - A

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Pendergrass to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting as written, Second by Rosch.

Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote.

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

Of the current 805 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership we have 522 members, 100 of which are Lifetime Members. In addition we have 18 Honorary Members and 9 Associate Members.

We currently have 356 signed up for dues deduction

New Lifetime member(s)

Eli Reyes

James New

5. Reports of Committees-

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

Elva Lee Conner, retired APD / TC and KC's father, passed away 10-8-2019

Todd Myers has Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (A.L.S.), (Lou Gehrig's Disease)

Robert Wisian is recovering from a stroke

Entertainment Committee – Randy Malone -

We are booked for Saturday - April 18, 2020 at Creedmoore Community Center, 12511 FM 1625, Creedmoore, Tx 78610 for our 2020 Social

Legislative/Retirement Committee – (Carl Zimmerman) – Carl reported that the Retirement system had been working on getting a new software program. Bids were taken from three companies and they had picked one. There was no update on legislation.

APA Liaison Committee – Robert Gross – Robert reported that Coffee Traders had contacted the APA and made an offer to buy the APA Hall. Cleat also sold their building but will be able to move into the new one being built in the same location as the current Cleat office. The APA if they sell the APA Hall could get space for offices in the Cleat office. There would not be parking or space for our meeting if this takes place.

Treasurer Report - Randy Malone – Reports attached

Randy Malone made a motion to accept the 2020 Proposed budget, Second by Rosch.
Discussion –None - Approved by voice vote.

Motion made by K.C. Conner to accept the Committee Reports, Second by Tim Smith.
Discussion –None - Approved by voice vote.

6. Communications and Bills – None

7. Unfinished Business –

HB 2137 - Texas Conceal Carry – Retired Officers - Vanderhule indicated the Chief was going to issue a letter to those who apply indicating that “at the time of retirement the retiree did appear to be physically and mentally fit to possess a handgun”. Previously the department refused to issue the letter as it required the Chief to state the physical and mental condition of the applicant. The department refused on the grounds that once retired, they could not answer that on the applicant. The change in the law required the letter be issued and the Chief added in “at the time of retirement the retiree did appear to be physically and mentally fit to possess a handgun”, to answer that required question on the form.

8. New Business –

City of Austin - Open Enrolment, BlueCross Blueshield and Flu Shots.

Felecia Williams-Dennis – Advised members about a Seminar for future retirees she is working on. The first seminar will be after our January 8th meeting

Door Prize - Harlan Scales

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Rosch to adjourn, Second by Tim Smith.

No discussion.

Meeting Adjourned

Randy Malone – Secretary/Treasurer