



**City of Denton Police Department
Chief of Police Advisory Board
Minutes
May 25, 2022**

After determining that a quorum was present, the Chief of Police Advisory Board convened in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:14 pm in Classroom C of the Public Safety Training Center at 719 E. Hickory Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Katina Butler, Daniel Clanton, Sara Hensley, Jill Jester, Kristen Johnson, Kari Salyers, and Donald Thornton

Ex-Officio Members: Brock Fischer, Nicole Shaw, and Jody Sundt

ABSENT: Rhonda Buckley, Cherlynn Hurd, and Trevor Taylor

Ex-Officio: Samuel Garrison, Kim Kunz, and Ed Reynolds

Also present were Chief Frank Dixon, Assistant Chief Bobby Smith, Deputy Chief Frank Padgett, Deputy Chief Michael Rose, Deputy Chief Paul Willenbrock, Compliance and Accreditation Specialist Richard Williams, Public Information Officer Allison Beckwith, Senior Executive Assistant Robin Fox, and Deputy City Attorney Michael Cronig.

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. *DPD22-048* *Consider approval of the February 23, 2022 minutes.*

Clanton moved to approve the minutes. Thornton seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Before the next item, Chief Dixon briefly addressed the tragic events in Uvalde before touching on current gun crimes in the City of Denton. He spoke on arrest numbers and gun seizure numbers.

Board member Clanton asked for the shooting numbers from last year compared to this year. Statistics were not immediately available. 11 shootings since January; four of those murder – domestic; no stranger on stranger shootings. Proactively looking at high crime areas; have arrested 253 people; seized 166 guns.

Chief Dixon mentioned department partnerships with the ATF and other federal partners. He also announced the creation of a Violent Crimes Task Force and its purpose.

Social media transparency and perception of crime was addressed.

Board Member Butler asked about school threats and how those are investigated. She suggested implementing a Watchdog program - males volunteering at the schools and greeting children. It also gives men a purpose.

Hensley stated that parents and grandparents need to be educated about the signs of mental health in their children.

Chief Dixon described the process of Denton PD reaching out to our partners at the FBI and how all threats at Denton schools so far have been determined to be hoaxes. He described how this information is tracked down, and how threats are verified to be hoax threats versus imminent threats.

B. DPD22-049 Hold a Question & Answer session on Fair and Impartial Policing.

Deputy Chief Michael Rose introduced Lorie Fridell, Ph.D., Owner and Executive Trainer of Fair and Impartial Policing, LLC. Dr. Fridell gave a general overview of explicit bias versus implicit bias. Discussion followed.

C. DPD22-050 *Review and discuss the proposed agenda for the August 24, 2022 meeting.*

The Board discussed the agenda and topics for the August 24, 2022 meeting.

Chairman Jester stated that the Board is coming up on one year. In the beginning the Board did not want it to be a clean slate. She suggested drawing names to see who serves one term; two terms; and three terms. The process of members coming on and off needs to be gradual. What makes sense as far as Council appointees versus City Manager appointees.

Board member Fischer stated that there are a group of people who are very committed to being here and a group who are not. He suggested basing it on attendance.

The following items will be considered for the next agenda:

- Proposed Board terms
- Election of officers
- Why there are two Police Associations (Invite both associations to the next meeting to tell the Board what they do and why there are two of them)
- DISDs plan to address danger to students. (Invite Dr. Russell and Lt. Mays)

Robin Fox asked the Board to contact Assistant Chief Bobby Smith directly to schedule a ride along.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm



Chair, Jill Jester