

Austin Police Retired Officers Association  
General Membership Meeting - Minutes  
January 8, 2025

1. Roll Call of Officers

President	Dennis Farris – P
Vice President	John Sisson - P
Secretary/Treasurer	Randy Malone – P
Sgt. at Arms	Craig Cannon - P
Board 1	Gary Rosch – A
Board 2	Calvin Smith – P
Board 3	K.C. Conner - P
Board 4	Joe Munoz – P

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Reading of the minutes

Motion made by Joe Munoz to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2024 meeting as written, Second by Pam McBee.

Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote.

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

Of the current 1181 retired Austin Officers who meet the qualifications for membership, that we know of, we have 648 members 149 of which are Lifetime Members. In addition we have 18 Honorary Members and 10 Associate Members.

**New Lifetime Members**

Mike Ford 11-21-2024  
Jason Rosson - 11-23-2024  
Ron Blackmore - 01-01-2025  
Howard Hall - 01-01-2025  
Ed Jones - 01-01-2025  
Bob Mauldin - 01-01-2025  
Howard Park - 01-01-2025  
Jerry Raines - 01-01-2025  
Dan Toney - 01-01-2025

Dario Gonzalez - Owner of Dario's Restaurant  
Bobby New - Owner of Southside Wrecker Service  
Christopher Taylor - Former APD Officer

**B. Honorary Membership:** Shall be comprised of individuals recognized by the Association for exceptional service or contribution to the Association, political subdivision or the law enforcement community. Honorary members do not have a vote in the Association and they pay no dues. Honorary Members must be nominated by an Active Member in Good Standing and voted in by the Membership in accordance with rules established by the Board of Directors.

Motion by KC Conner to accept Dario Gonzalez, Bobby New and Christopher Taylor as Honorary Members, Second by Pam McGee.  
Discussion – None - Approved by voice vote.

5. Reports of Committees-

**Benevolent Committee – (Lisa Morrill & Kim Farbo)**

**Officer/Family Member who passed away or reporting serious health issues**

Vivian Bernice Heiman Simer, Wayne Simer's mother, passed away 11-03-2024  
Calvin Neal -Former Officer/Associate Member of the APROA passed away 11-21-2024  
Dario Gonzalez's son Edward passed away 11-26-2024 (cancer)  
Ron Smith (52nd Cadet Class) passed away 9-24-2024 - (Late notice to APROA)  
Paul Harmatuk, Matt's father passed away unexpectedly 12/23/24  
Kay Kohler, Rusty's widow, passed away 12-27-2024

**Entertainment Committee – Randy Malone - APROA 2025 Spring Social**

We are booked at the Creedmoor Community Center for **Saturday, April 26, 2025**. Start at 11:00am, food served at 12:30pm, 12511 FM 1625, Creedmoor, Texas 78610, for our Spring 2025 Social. We will be serving catfish and for those who do not care for catfish we will have bar-b-que chicken. If we have a big crowd on hand when the cook gets ready to serve, we start serving early. This Social is free to Members, APD Retired Civilians and one guest each. Additional guest will cost \$15.00. We will start taking RSVPs now being taken.

**Retirement Committee – (Keith Harrison/ Mike Cowden) –**

Pattie Featherston reported that members will get their 10-99s from Northern Trust. The APRS will start issuing Retirement Checks in January. The new system should be up and running by mid February so if you have an address or bank change before then, please call the APRS. If you are on Direct Deposit, you will not get when you Retirement Check is issued.

At this time the APRA does not know who the new City Council Member is who will be appointed to the Board.

**Legislative – (Dennis Farris) -** Dennis discussed issues with Christopher Taylor's situation regarding the Texas Governor.

**APA Liaison Committee – Robert Gross –** Robert reported the APA was working to put TV monitors in the Police Department and all Sun-stations to keep members updated.

Legislation that they are following, all critical incidents would be investigated by the A.G.'s office and Requiring the DA to disclose all Discovery.

**City of Austin Benefits Committee - (Gary Rosch) City Benefits -** No report

**Membership Committee – (John Sisson) -** No Report

**Social Media Committee** – (Dennis Farris) - No Report

**Treasurer Report** - Randy Malone –  
Estimated 2024 Year End Budget report attached

Motion made by K.C. Conner to accept the Committee Reports, Second by Carl Zimmerman.

Discussion – None – Approved by Voice vote.

6. Communications and Bills – None

7. Unfinished Business – None

8. New Business –  
Austin Police Chief Lisa Davis - Did not make it

Retiree ID cards - many still have the older ID cards which are outdated. You can go to the Control Booth Monday - Friday to get a new one.

Cook Walden presentation - Cook Walden Representatives talked to members about pre-planning your funeral and the benefits the VA offered Veterans. Planning your funeral now locks in the cost and The Family First Protection covers any kids or grandkids under 21 years old. This is FREE benefit included for the purchaser when a package is purchased with us. Should a child or grandchild under 21 of the purchaser pass away we will cover up to the same amount for services.

March presentation - Retiree Bill Manno - An alternative method for investing IRA's and 401K's, specifically passive investing in commercial real estate.

Food for March Meeting

Door Prize – David Lugo

8. Adjournment  
Motion made by Tom O'Connor to adjourn, second by Don Mayes.  
Discussion – None – Approved by Voice vote - Meeting Adjourned

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Randy Malone – Secretary/Treasurer