

# Minutes

Meeting of The  
Regional Police Academy  
Advisory Committee

1:30 P.M Tuesday, August 30, 2022,

Held In-Persona and VIA Zoom Video Communications  
Initiated and chaired from  
LRGVDC Main Campus - 301 W. Railroad St. Weslaco, Texas  
Building B Ken Jones Executive Board Room  
Presiding: Lieutenant Jesus Ortega

## I. Call to Order

Chair Lieutenant Jesus Ortega called the meeting to order at 1:41 P.M. Roll call was taken by LRGVDC Interim Training Coordinator Victoria Barrera, and a quorum of Advisory Committee member was attained.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency/Organization</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Assistant Chief Michael	Edinburg Police Department -Voting Member	Present
Lieutenant Jesus Ortega	Hidalgo Police Department -Voting Member	Present
Chief Patrick Quill	Combes Police Department -Voting Member	Present
Chief Uvaldo Zamora	Raymondville Police Department -Voting Member	P-Zoom
Steve Guevara	TSTC-Veteran Services - Public Member	Not Present
Daisy Lopez	Friendship of Women Inc. - Public Member	Not Present
Gloria Ocampo	Friendship of Women Inc.- Public Member	Not Present
Ronald D. Mills	Port of Mansfield – Board Appointee	Not Present

## II. Public Comment and/or Legislative Report

Senior Training Officer Roland Perez of the Mission Police Department provided public comment regarding several events that occurred on the day of the meeting for Mission Police Department. He shared about his role in the academy and the importance of training. He provided input on the family aspect of all academy sites on willingness to assist each other and the support for the RPA.

## III. Administration

Chairman Lieutenant Jesus Ortega moved to item A. Consideration and ACTION to Approve Meeting Minutes from November 05, 2021.

Chief Patrick Quill made a motion to approve Meeting Minutes from November 05, 2021, as presented. Assistant Chief Michael Cerda second the motion and upon a vote the motions carried unanimously.

Chairman Lieutenant Jesus Ortega moved to item B. Presentation of Service Awards.

Executive Director Manuel Cruz read a letter of thanks to Former Chief Michael Sullinger. He was presented with an award for his many years of service in law enforcement and law enforcement education.

Chairman Lieutenant Jesus Ortega moved to item C. Review, Discussion and Possible ACTION on the future role of the LRGVDC Regional Police Academy.

Executive Director Manuel Cruz provided an oral report on the status of the academy due to personnel issues. An investigation began due to complaints received and was conducted by Randall Snyder, who at the time was the Public Safety Director. Mr. Cruz shared that due to the investigation, action was taken to remove the previous training coordinator and throughout the process the executive board was provided updates. Mr. Cruz advised the committee members about the Texas Council of Governments, in which some have academies or interlocal agreements. He also explained the contractual obligations of the RPA to TCOLE and the Office of the Governor for the Grant. He continued by providing findings of other RGV local academies and the impact of the RPA since its establishment in 1967.

Chairman Lieutenant Jesus Ortega moved to item D. Consideration and ACTION to Approve future Meeting Date/Time. Interim Training Coordinator Victoria Barrera recommended conducting an Advisory Committee meeting once a year during the months of January or February.

Chief Patrick Quill made a motion to approve a future Advisory Committee meeting once a year during the months of January or February. Assistant Chief Michael Cerda second the motion and upon a vote the motions carried unanimously.

Chairman Lieutenant Jesus Ortega moved to item E. Training Coordinators Report. Interim Training Coordinator Victoria Barrera opened the report by noting the implementation of the 720 curriculum into all RPA BPOC Academies moving forward. She provided an update on the process of the new firearms logging sheet and that each driving instructor had been assigned a fuel pin for tracking purposes. She shared updates on the completion of Professional Driving Course for both the 215<sup>th</sup> Harlingen night and the 216<sup>th</sup> Mission Day Academies. Then stated that as for November 2021, the RPA had graduated a total of 90 cadets.

#### IV. Adjourn

Chairman Lieutenant Jesus Ortega moved to adjourn meeting. Chief Patrick Quill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Assistant Chief Michael Cerda second the motion and upon a vote the motions carried unanimously. Chairman Ortega adjourned the meeting at 3:04pm.