



**DOWNTOWN  
LONG BEACH  
ALLIANCE**

## MEMBERS

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# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024  
3:00 PM

## DTLB Alliance Conference Room

100 W Broadway, Suite 235  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**Voting Present:** Rev. Antonio Gallardo, Terrence Krieger, Paul Boyd-Batstone, Paul Hargis, James Turner, Mark Jensen.

**Voting Absent:** Robb Smith

**DTLB Alliance Staff:** Juan Torres, Sara Payne

**Guests:** Kimberly Latham

1. Call to Order – Antonio Gallardo, V. Chair  
**Meeting Presentation.** Called to order at 3:06 pm.
  - The committee begins with a roll call from all members (including staff).
2. **ACTION: Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2024, Public Safety Committee Meeting.**  
**MOTION: 1<sup>st</sup> Hargis; 2<sup>nd</sup> Boyd-Batstone.**  
**VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.**
3. Public Safety Committee Overview
  - Gallardo provided an overview on how the committee addresses public safety misperceptions, shares information among agencies, and forwards grievances to city offices.
  - Safety walks are used to identify issues in the Downtown. Individuals on these walks have worked on projects like resource guides, fixing streetlights, and influencing library and police improvements.
  - There is an ongoing focus on measuring public safety perceptions in Long Beach.
  - New members of the committee include: Mark Jensen and James Turner
4. Update on 2023-2024 Committee Projects
  - Fresh Start
    - The Fresh Start Program collects hygiene items and supplies through donations from local businesses to support the unhoused population, with items distributed to organizations like the Long Beach Rescue Mission, US Vets, and Mental Health America.
  - Safety Walk
    - The committee discussed the safety walk audits and the need for a long-term schedule for these audits, and the potential for organizing ride-alongs with the police.
  - Resources Guide
    - The committee discussed how the resource guide aims to provide information to business owners and property managers.



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5. Discussion Ideas for Future Initiatives 2024-2025
  - Committee member Mark Jensen proposed organizing a Long Beach Business Summit to bring together local business owners and address safety and other issues.
  - Gallardo suggests a link to the committee's page on the DTLB Alliance website for better communication and information sharing.
6. Public Safety Partners Report- No representatives for the departments below were present at the meeting.
  - Long Beach Police Department – South Division
  - Department of Public Works – Clean Team
  - Department of Health and Human Services
  - City Prosecutor
7. Staff Report
  - Clean and Safe
    - i. Clean and Safe Update
      - More community involvement and homeless outreach
      - Upcoming staff training for Clean and Safe including Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and Stop the Bleeding training
    - ii. December 2024 Committee Date
      - Confirmed for December 18, 2024
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Public Comment (three minutes on all non-agenda items)
  - Kimberly Latham from Anneise expressed concern about safety due to increased incidents and people walking in and out of businesses, suggesting filling vacancies and promoting more workers downtown.
11. Adjournment  
Adjourned at 4:06 PM.

### NEXT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:

Location: DTLB Alliance Conference Room (100 W Broadway, Suite 235)

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and prosperous Downtown for all***

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