



Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training

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Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2025

10:00 a.m.

This was a hybrid meeting held at the POST Board office.

Members Present:

Chair Jim Yang
Kelly Phillips
Troy Wolbersen
Tanya Gladney

Staff Present:

Alicia Popowski
Erik Misselt

Members Absent:

Bobbi Holtberg

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Yang at 10:02 a.m.
2. **Approval of the agenda:** Chair Yang asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
 - **MOTION:** Ms. Gladney made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
3. **Approval of the Rules Committee Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2025:** Chair Yang asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 16, 2025. Chair Yang stated he will be abstaining from the vote as he was not on the committee during the April meeting.
 - **MOTION:** Ms. Gladney made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Wolbersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention (Chair Yang).
4. **Review of proposed changes to 6700.0800 (obsolete rule):** Chair Yang asked Ms. Popowski to provide a summary of the proposed changes to rule 6700.0800. Ms. Popowski stated that on December 1st of each year, the board must submit an obsolete rules report to the Legislature. In the report, the board is to identify any obsolete rules in chapter 6700 and then inform the Legislature how the board plans to deal with the rule. This rule proposal initiates the removal process of subpart 5, which is obsolete as the board no longer issues paper licenses via mail.
 - **MOTION:** Ms. Phillips made a motion to approve the draft for board approval. Ms. Gladney seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.

6700.0800 LICENSING OF PEACE OFFICERS.

Subpart 1. **Board appointees; notification.** The chief law enforcement officer shall

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notify the board of the appointment of any person to the position of peace officer before the first day of the appointee's employment. Notification shall be made on a form provided by the board, and it shall include the appointee's full name, sex, date of birth, the effective date of the appointment, and an affirmation that the appointee has met all selection standards as prescribed in part 6700.0700. The appointee may not exercise peace officer powers until the notification form is received and approved by the board.

Subp. 2. **Application procedures.** If the appointee is not already a licensed peace officer, but is eligible to be licensed, the appointee shall apply to be licensed at the time of appointment. Application shall be made on a form provided by the board, and both the applicant and the chief law enforcement officer shall affirm that the applicant is eligible to be licensed. The applicant shall also submit the licensing fee as prescribed in subpart 4.

Subp. 3. **License certificate.** The executive director shall issue a license certificate to an applicant who has complied with the requirements in subpart 2 and part 6700.0700, subpart 1, and whose affirmations are consistent with the board's records. The period of initial licensure is determined by the original date the license was issued. The license shall be due for renewal on June 30 of the third calendar year after the year the license was issued, regardless of the month and day of initial licensure.

Subp. 4. **Licensing fee.** The licensing fee is \$90. The license will be valid through June 30 of the third year following receipt.

~~Subp. 5. **Surrender of license certificate.** Licenses shall remain the property of the board. The license certificate and any renewal certificates shall be surrendered to the board if suspended or revoked.~~

5. **Complete the rule proposal for 6700.0501:** Chair Yang asked Ms. Popowski to provide a summary of the proposed changes to 6700.0501. Ms. Popowski stated the rule draft of 0501 in front of the committee today was discussed previously, but that Chair Yang requested it be brought before the committee again for further consideration/discussion. The draft includes a reciprocity pathway for non-degree holders so long as they meet the requirements described in item C. These requirements include 4 years of law enforcement experience (or the equivalent in hours) and that the applicant complete 60 postsecondary education credits within 5 years of their MN Peace Officer License becoming active. The applicant would then have to provide the board proof that the education credits were completed prior to the 5-year deadline.

Under subpart 11 of the draft, if a reciprocity applicant does not complete the required 60 credits, their MN Peace Officer License will be rescinded for a minimum of 6 months. If, within 6 months and 1 year, the individual completes 60 postsecondary education credits and regains employment with an agency, their license will be reinstated.

The committee expressed that item C seemed to be a good compromise – it increases reciprocity professionalism standards without closing the door to good applicants who have law enforcement experience, but no college experience or degree.

- **MOTION:** Ms. Gladney made a motion to refer the draft to the full board for review. Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.

6700.0501 RECIPROCITY LICENSING EXAMINATION.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of this part, the terms defined have the meanings given to them.

Subp. 2. **Basic peace officer ~~police~~ education.** "Basic peace officer ~~police~~ education" means:

A. a basic course recognized by a state council, state commission, state board, or state agency which leads to licensing or basic certification as a law enforcement officer where the appointing authority is located; or

B. a basic course sponsored by the federal government for its law enforcement officers, including but not limited to, the basic Drug Enforcement Administration's agent school, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's basic agent school, or the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers' Uniformed Police Training ~~Center's uniformed patrol course~~ or Criminal Investigator Training Program ~~basic investigators course~~.

Subp. 3. **Law enforcement officer.** "Law enforcement officer" means: ~~a person appointed or employed as a peace officer in another state, or a federal law enforcement employee, who has full powers of arrest, authority to carry a firearm, and is classified in a law enforcement position by the office of personnel management, not including any time served in the United States armed services.~~

A. a person appointed or employed as a federal tribal law enforcement officer or a certified or licensed law enforcement officer in another state; or

B. a federal law enforcement employee, who has full powers of arrest, authority to carry a firearm, and is classified in a law enforcement position by the Office of Personnel Management, not including any time served in the United States armed services.

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 30 SR 903]

Subp. 5. **Postsecondary degree.** "Postsecondary degree" means an academic title degree awarded by a postsecondary institution which is accredited by a ~~member of one of the six regional accrediting associations~~ federally recognized accrediting association or recognized as meeting accreditation by a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). The post-secondary institution must be authorized to award degrees. ~~and authorized to award degrees, including, but not limited to, Associate of Arts (A.A.) degrees, Associate of Science (A.S.) degrees, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees, and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees.~~

Subp. 6. **~~Years of experience.~~** "~~Years of experience~~" means the total number of years ~~the applicant has been employed as a law enforcement officer since completing the basic police education course.~~ **Full-time.** An individual is considered employed full-time as a law enforcement officer if they are working, at a minimum, an average of 35 service hours per week.

Subp. 7. **Qualifications.** ~~A person who has completed a postsecondary degree, who has had three years of employment as a law enforcement officer after completing basic police education, who has served as a law enforcement officer during the past six years, and who has not had a peace officer license, certificate, or the federal equivalent suspended or revoked shall qualify for the reciprocity examination; or a person who has five years of employment as a law enforcement officer after completing basic police education, who has served as a law enforcement officer during the past six years, and who has not had a peace officer license, certificate, or the federal equivalent suspended or revoked shall qualify for the reciprocity examination.~~ **Peace officer reciprocity.** An individual qualifies for the reciprocity examination if they:

- A. have completed a postsecondary degree or a minimum of 60 postsecondary education credits, two years of full-time employment as a law enforcement officer after successfully completing basic peace officer education, worked as a law enforcement officer during the past four years, and have not had a peace officer license, certificate, or the federal equivalent revoked, rescinded, or currently or permanently suspended;
- B. are not considered a full-time law enforcement officer but have completed a postsecondary degree or a minimum of 60 postsecondary education credits, worked a minimum of 3,640 hours as a law enforcement officer after completing basic peace officer education, worked as a law enforcement officer during the past four years, and have not had a peace officer license, certificate, or the federal equivalent revoked, rescinded, or currently or permanently suspended; **or**
- C. have completed four years of full-time employment or a minimum of 7,280 hours as a law enforcement officer after completing basic peace officer education, worked as a law enforcement officer during the past four years, have not had a peace officer license, certificate, or the federal equivalent revoked, rescinded, or currently or permanently suspended, and sign an agreement with the board stating the applicant will complete a minimum of 60 postsecondary education credits within five years of the applicant's Minnesota Peace Office License becoming active.

Subp. 8. **Military reciprocity.** Military personnel are eligible to take the reciprocity exam if they meet the requirements in Minnesota Statute 626.8517.

Subp. 8 9. **Eligibility.** ~~The eligibility for a person to take the reciprocity examination shall be void one year after qualifying for the examination. In order to reestablish eligibility, the person shall comply with subpart 7 and part 6700.0600.~~ Reciprocity applications are valid for one year from the date they are approved by the Board. If the applicant does not take the examination within that year, they must reapply and comply with subparts 7 or 8 and part 6700.0600.

Subp. 9 10. **License eligibility.** Upon successful completion of the reciprocity examination, a person is eligible for a peace officer license. If the person is not licensed after three years, the person may reinstate eligibility by again demonstrating qualifications for the examination pursuant to subparts 7 or 8 and ~~must again comply with the provisions of part~~

6700.0600.

Subp. 11. **Confirmation of postsecondary education credits.** An individual who receives reciprocity pursuant to subp. 7, item C will have five years to complete 60 postsecondary education credits after their Minnesota Peace Officer License becomes active. Once the college credit requirement has been met, a transcript must be supplied to the Executive Director for verification. If an individual fails to complete 60 postsecondary education credits within five years of their peace officer license becoming active, their peace officer license will be rescinded. An individual whose peace officer license is rescinded for failure to complete the postsecondary education credit requirement may not regain their license until they meet the credit requirement; and no earlier than 6 months from the date their license was rescinded. If an individual meets the requirement and regains employment between 6 months and 1 year from the date their license was rescinded, their license may be reactivated without having to complete Minnesota's peace officer preservice training program. Individuals may not use the experience they gained while working in Minnesota under subp. 7, item C as years of experience to qualify for the reciprocity exam under subp. 7, item A or B.

Subp. 12. **Applicability.** This part shall not apply to a person who holds a ~~lapsed~~, revoked, rescinded, or currently or permanently suspended peace officer license or certificate.

6. **Future topics:** The committee was informed the next rule segments in need of revision are 6700.0300/0400, 6700.0401, and 6700.0500/0600. The committee was told that there will need to be some revisions made to these rules before the drafts come to the committee for review. Said changes will reflect the decisions made by the board at the July 24, 2025, meeting.

Before adjournment, Chair Yang asked if anyone present had any additional matters they would like addressed or comments to make. Chair Yang that going forward, the format (hybrid or in person) of the meeting would be dependent upon the subject matter of the meeting. This is because some conversations are better had in person. Committee members agreed.

7. **Adjournment :** The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

- **MOTION:** Ms. Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gladney seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.