



Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, January 22,
2026, 10:00 a.m.**

This meeting was held at the MN POST Board office.

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Others Present
Luke Hennen - Chair	Scott Kent	Erik Misselt	Chris Kaisershot, A.G. Office
Scott Nadeau for Andrew Evans	Kelly Phillips	Schyler Beaty	David Cullen, A.G. Office
Bobbi Holtberg		Alicia Popowski	Michael McSherry, A.G. Office
Jennifer Foster		Jessi Knowles	Brian Schwab
Michael Ceynowa		Rob Skoro	Leslie Palmer
Stephanie Burrage		Jon Hoff	Rich Watkins
Cassandra Bautista		Mike Cumiskey	Carl Crawford
Nigel Perrote		Katie Cederstrom	Mark Schneider
Shelly Shaefer			
Tad Ferrell			
Jim Yang			
Tanya Gladney			
Troy Wolbersen			

1. **Call to order:** Chair Hennen called the meeting to order on January 22nd, 2026, at 10:01 A.M.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Hennen asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
 - **MOTION:** Ms. Holtberg moved the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Perrote seconded the motion. The motion carried via unanimous voice vote.
3. **Approval of the Board meeting minutes from October 23, 2025:** Chair Hennen asked for a motion to approve the 10/23/25 minutes.
 - **MOTION:** Ms. Foster moved the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Bautista seconded the motion. The motion carried via unanimous voice vote.
4. **Variance: Alfallani:** Ms. Popowski presented Mr. Alfallani's variance request. Mr. Alfallani was not present for the meeting. Mr. Alfallani has a foreign degree and is seeking a variance from the board on Minnesota Rule 6700.0100, subpart 20, to recognize the university he attended as a school- thus validating his degree. Mr. Alfallani is seeking the variance so he may enroll in the ICPOET program with HTC.



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- **MOTION:** Ms. Foster moved the motion for the Board to grant the petitioner's request for a variance because the statutory criteria for a discretionary variance have been met and that the variance of Minnesota Rule 6700.0100, subpart 20, be granted until licensure. Mr. Perrote seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
- 5. **Variance: Elsayed:** Ms. Popowski presented Mr. Elsayed's variance request. Mr. Elsayed was not present for the meeting. Mr. Elsayed has a foreign degree and is seeking a variance from the board to recognize the university he attended as a school- thus validating his degree. Mr. Elsayed is seeking the variance so he may enroll in the ICPOET program with HTC.
 - **MOTION:** Ms. Foster moved the motion for the Board to grant the petitioner's request for a variance because the statutory criteria for a discretionary variance have been met and that the variance of Minnesota Rule 6700.0100, subp. 20, be granted until licensure. Ms. Holtberg seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
- 6. **Variance: Burgoyne:** Ms. Popowski presented Mr. Burgoyne's variance request. Mr. Burgoyne was not present for the meeting. Mr. Burgoyne is requesting a variance on Minnesota Rule 6700.0501, subpart 7. He is approximately one year short of the reciprocity requirements for non-degree holders.
 - **MOTION:** Ms. Gladney moved the motion for the Board to deny the petitioner's request for a variance of Minnesota Rule 6700.0501, subpart 7, because the statutory criteria for a discretionary variance have not been met, specifically the five-year requirement along with schooling. Mr. Wolbersen seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote. Discussion ensued on why the criteria were not met.
- 7. **Variance: Sandifer:** Ms. Popowski presented Mr. Sandifer's variance request. Mr. Sandifer was not present for the meeting. Mr. Sandifer is requesting a variance on Minnesota Rule 6700.0501, subpart 7. He has previously had a peace officer license/certificate suspended, making him ineligible for reciprocity.
 - **MOTION:** Discussion ensued. Ms. Schaefer moved the motion for the Board to deny the petitioner's request for a variance of Minnesota Rule 6700.0501, subpart 7, because the statutory criteria for a discretionary variance have not been met. Mr. Perrote seconded the motion. Ms. Foster amended to state the variance for the rule would not be consistent with public interest. Ms. Gladney seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
- 8. **Variance: Schwab:** Ms. Popowski presented Mr. Schwab's variance request. Mr. Schwab was present for the meeting. Mr. Schwab is requesting a variance on Minnesota Rule 6700.0700, subpart 1 (D)(3)(o). He has a prior GM theft conviction, making him ineligible for licensure.
 - **MOTION:** Ms. Schafer moved the motion for the Board to grant the petitioner's request for a variance because the statutory criteria for discretionary variance has been met. And that the variance of Minnesota Rule 6700.0700, subpart 1 (D)(3)(o) be granted until licensure. Mr. Ceynowa seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Motion denied with 7 no votes, 6 yes votes.
- 9. **Variance: Nunez:** Ms. Popowski presented Mr. Nunez's variance request. Mr. Nunez was not present for the meeting. Mr. Nunez has a foreign degree and is seeking a variance from the board on Minnesota Rule 6700.0100, subpart 20, to recognize the university he attended as a school- thus validating his degree. Mr. Nunez is seeking the variance so he may enroll in the ICPOET program with HTC.



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- **MOTION:** Mr. Perrote moved the motion for the Board to grant the petitioner's request for a variance because the statutory criteria for a discretionary variance have been met and that the variance of Minnesota Rule 6700.0100, subp. 20, be granted until licensure. Ms. Burrage seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.

10. **Request to Board from Two PPOE Schools to Add Sites to Their Programs:**

- Riverland presentation – Rich Watkins presented. Discussion ensued.
 - **MOTION:** Ms. Gladney moved the motion to approve Riverland to add a skills component to their law enforcement program. Ms. Schafer seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
- Inver Hills presentation – Leslie Palmer presented. Discussion ensued.
 - **MOTION:** Ms. Schafer moved the motion to approve Inver Hills to add a skills component to their law enforcement program. Ms. Holtberg seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.

11. **PPOE Renewal Board Approval:** Presentation by Mr. Skoro regarding PPOE school renewal applications. Mr. Skoro recommended all schools be approved for renewal.

- **MOTION:** Ms. Gladney moved the motion to approve the recommended PPOE schools for renewal. Ms. Burrage seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.

12. **Pursuit Model Policy:** Alicia Ms. Popowski introduced the model policy.

- **MOTION:** Ms. Foster moved the motion for approval with grammatical changes. Mr. Ceynowa seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.

Break for lunch 11:13 A.M. Resume at 11:45 A.M.

13. **Rule 6700.0100:** Ms. Popowski introduced and explained the proposed rule changes to Minnesota Rule 6700.0100.

- **MOTION:** Ms. Foster moved the motion to approve the rule draft as proposed. Mr. Yang seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.

14. **Rule 6700.0300:** Ms. Popowski introduced and explained the proposed rule changes to Minnesota Rule 6700.0300. Discussion ensued on subpart 8 regarding instructor requirements. *See Appendix A.*

- **MOTION:** Mr. Yang moved the motion to approve the rule draft as proposed with the modifications made by the board. Ms. Gladney seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.

15. **Rule 6700.0400:** Ms. Popowski introduced and explained the proposed rule changes to Minnesota Rule 6700.0400. Discussion ensued. *See Appendix B*



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- **MOTION:** Ms. Holtberg moved the motion to approve the rule draft as proposed. Mr. Yang seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.

16. **Rule 6700.0401:** Ms. Popowski introduced and explained the proposed rule changes to Minnesota Rule 6700.0400. Discussion ensued. *See Appendix C.*

- **MOTION:** Ms. Foster moved the motion to approve the rule draft as proposed. Ms. Holtberg seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.

17. **Rules 6700.0500 & 6700.0600:** Ms. Popowski introduced and explained the proposed rule changes to Minnesota Rules 6700.0500 and 6700.0600. Discussion ensued. *See Appendix D.*

- **MOTION:** Mr. Yang moved the motion to approve the rule draft as proposed. Mr. Perrote seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.

18. **Resolution: Second Request for Comments:** Ms. Popowski presented a resolution to the Board that would allow POST staff to publish a second Request for Comments (RFC) in the state register for R4750 on the Board's behalf.

- **MOTION:** Ms. Foster moved the motion to adopt and sign the resolution as proposed. Ms. Holtberg seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.

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19. **(Item 20) Summary License Suspension Legislation:** Mr. Misselt asked the Board whether it would like to pursue legislative changes regarding the summary suspension of peace officer licenses. Summary suspensions were explained to the board by Mr. Misselt and Mr. Kaisershot. Discussion ensued. The board indicated it would like POST staff to explore the matter further.

20. **(Item 19) Proposed New Rule: Cooperation with Investigations:** The Public Safety Advisory Council brought a rule proposal to the Board for its consideration regarding licensee cooperation during investigations. Discussion ensued. The Board expressed concerns about how the proposed rule may negatively impact the constitutional rights of licensees. The board indicated it would not be exploring the proposal further.

- **MOTION:** Ms. Bautista moved the motion to deny the proposed new rule as written. Mr. Ceynowa seconded the motion. More discussion ensued prior to vote. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.

21. **Executive Director's Report:** Mr. Misselt provided the board with an update on the following topics: new POST staff, Domestic Violence Model Policy, and Preservice changes/rule changes. Mr. Misselt informed the board he will be presenting at the CLEO and Command Academy at Camp Ripley and a St. Paul City Council meeting to discuss what the POST Board does, both in February.

22. **Licensure Matters (closed to public)**

23. **Licensure Hearing – Telkamp**

24. **Deliberations (closed to public)**

25. **Licensure Hearing – Vetsouvanh**



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26. Deliberations (closed to public)

27. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.