



Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 23, 2026,

10:00 a.m.

This meeting was held at the MN POST Board office.

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Others Present
Jennifer Foster	Troy Wolbersen	Erik Misselt	Chris Kaisershot, A.G. Office
Tad Farrell	Stephanie Burrage	Schyler Beaty	David Cullen A.G. Office
Scott Kent – Acting Chair	Luke Hennen	Alicia Popowski	Nick Pladson A.G. Office
Nigel Perrote		Sidney Bergum	
Bobbi Holtberg		Nicole Wicklund	
Tom Draper		Jon Hoff	
Kelly Phillips			
Cassandra Bautista			
Jim Yang			
Shelly Schaefer			
Andrew Evans			
Michael Ceynowa			
Tanya Gladney			

1. **Call to order:** Acting Chair Scott Kent called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM on April 23, 2026.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Mr. Kent asked for a motion to approve the agenda, with the removal of item 6 as it has been requested to be removed by the petitioner.
 - **MOTION:** Bobbi Holtberg moved the motion to approve the amended agenda. Nigel Perrote seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
3. **Approval of the Board meeting minutes from 1/23/26:** Mr. Kent asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2026 Board meeting.
 - **MOTION:** Jennifer Foster moved the motion. Tanya Gladney seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
4. **Variance: Troshchevskii:** Ms. Popowski introduced the variance request of Mr. Troshchevskii. Mr. Troshchevskii was not present at the request. The petitioner is requesting a variance under Rule 6700.0100 subd. 20. School. The degree and institution have been determined to be equivalent to a regionally accredited institution. The petitioner cites the hardship of denial would be an injustice due to location of his university. Discussion ensued.



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- **MOTION:** Jennifer foster moved the motion to grant the variance request until licensure. Bobbi Holtberg seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
5. **Variance: Dockery:** Ms. Popowski introduced the variance request of Mr. Dockery. This is Mr. Dockery's third variance request to the Board. He was not present at the request. The petitioner is requesting a variance under Rule 6700.0501, subd. 7. Qualifications, as he is 5 months short of the 5 years of experience requirement for reciprocity. The university Mr. Dockery attended was evaluated and determined to have national accreditation, as opposed to regional accreditation. The petitioner cites the hardship resulting from denial would be financial. Discussion ensued.
- **MOTION:** Cassandra Bautista moved the motion to deny the request, as rule 6700.0501 subd. 7. statutory criteria have not been met; denial would not result in hardship or injustice. Jim Yang seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote; the variance request was denied.
6. ~~**Variance: Howe:**~~
- ~~**MOTION:**~~
7. **Variance: Prada:** Ms. Popowski introduced the variance request of Mr. Prada. Mr. Prada was not present at the request. The petitioner is requesting a variance under Rule 6700.0100, subd. 20. School. The degree and institution were evaluated and determined to be equivalent to a regionally accredited institution. Mr. Prada cites the hardship resulting from a denial would be an injustice. Discussion ensued.
- **MOTION:** Shelly Schaefer moved the motion to grant the request until licensure, as the discretionary criteria have been met. Cassandra Bautista seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
8. **Variance: Zeki:** Ms. Popowski introduced the variance request of Mr. Zeki. Mr. Zeki was not present at the request. The petitioner is requesting a variance under Rule 6700.0100, subd. 20. School. The degree and institution were evaluated and determined to be equivalent to regionally accredited institution. Mr. Zeki cites the hardship resulting from a denial would be financial.
- **MOTION:** Tanya Gladney moved the motion to grant the request until licensure, as the statutory criteria have been met. Shelly Schaefer seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
9. **Variance: Cortes Roque:** Ms. Popowski introduced the variance request of Mr. Cortes Roque. Mr. Cortes Roque was present and addressed the board. The petitioner is requesting a variance under Rule 6700.0100, subd. 20. School. His degree and institution were evaluated and determined to be equivalent to a regionally accredited university.
- **MOTION:** Jennifer Foster moved the motion to grant the request until licensure, as the statutory criteria have been met. Michael Ceynowa seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.



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10. **Variance: Djuma:** Ms. Popowski introduced the variance request of Mr. Djuma. Mr. Djuma was not present at the request. The petitioner is requesting a variance under Rule 6700.0100, subd. 20. School. His degree and university were evaluated and determined to be equivalent to a regionally accredited university.
 - **MOTION:** Nigel Perrote moved the motion to grant the request until licensure, as statutory criteria have been met. Jennifer Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
11. **Variance: Muhumuza:** Ms. Popowski introduced the variance request of Mr. Muhumuza. Mr. Muhumuza was not present at the request. The petitioner is requesting a variance under Rule 6700.0100, subd. 20. School. Mr. Muhumuza's degree and institution were evaluated and determined to be equivalent to a regionally accredited university. The petitioner cited the hardship resulting from a denial as time consuming and financial. Discussion ensued.
 - **MOTION:** Tom Draper moved the motion to grant the request until licensure, as statutory criteria have been met. Jim Yang seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
12. **Variance: Schwab:** Ms. Popowski introduced the variance request of Mr. Schwab. This is his second variance request. Mr. Schwab was present and addressed the Board. The petitioner is requesting a variance under Rule 6700.0700, subp. 1 (D)(3)(o). Minimum Selection Standards. Mr. Schwab has a prior GM theft conviction which is a disqualifier per subp. 1 (D)(3)(o). He is petitioning the Board so that he may enroll in the skills program and subsequently take the licensing exam. Discussion ensued.
 - **MOTION:** Cassandra Bautista moved the motion to grant the request until licensure, as statutory criteria have been met. Tad Farrell seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
13. **Model Policy: Domestic Abuse:** Ms. Popowski introduced the updates on the Domestic Abuse Model Policy, which include the addition of definitions, incorporation of charging considerations and a charging table, the addition of a new section on lethality risk assessments (which are not required of agencies, but encouraged), and the addition of information on stalking and gone on arrival. Supplementally, hyperlinks were also added. Discussion ensued.
 - **MOTION:** Bobbi Holtberg moved the motion to accept the model policy as presented. Nigel Perrote seconded the motion. Ms. Holtberg amended the motion by including the allowance of POST staff to make changes to the policy that aligns with statute. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
14. **Executive Director's Report:** Mr. Misselt addressed the Board. He introduced new POST staff and provided an update on the Criminal History Bill currently on the federal level. He ended his report with an update on the Preservice standardization project with Kansas University.

Meeting paused for lunch at 11:05 AM. Meeting resumed at 11:45 AM and went into closed session.

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

16. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.