



Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 18, 2026,

10:00 a.m.

This meeting was held at the MN POST Board office.

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Others Present
Tad Farrell	Jennifer Foster	Erik Misselt	David Cullen AG Office
Scott Nadeau for Drew Evans	Michael Ceynowa	Sidney Bergum	
Luke Hennen - Chair	Jim Yang	Alicia Popowski	
Tom Draper	Tanya Gladney		
Bobbi Holtberg	Cassandra Bautista		
Troy Wolbersen			
Kelly Phillips			
Scott Kent			
Nigel Perrote			
Shelly Schaefer			
Stephanie Burrage			

1. **Call to order:** Chair Hennen called the meeting to order at 10:00 am on Monday, May 18, 2026.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Hennen asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
 - **MOTION:** Tad Farrell moved the motion to approve the agenda. Scott Nadeau seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
3. **Approval of the Board meeting minutes from:** Chair Hennen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 4/23/26 Board meeting.
 - **MOTION:** Kelly Phillips moved the motion to approve the minutes from the April board meeting. Tom Draper seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
4. **Variance: Murray:** Ms. Popowski introduced the variance request of Mr. Murray. Mr. Murray was not present at the request. The petitioner is requesting a variance under Rule 6700.0501, subp. 7. Qualifications. Mr. Murray is two years short of the 5-year requirement for peace officer employment without a degree, as stated in the Rule, and is thus seeking a variance so he may take the reciprocity examination. He cites a hardship cited as economic, familial and financial.



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- **MOTION:** Shelly Schaefer moved motion to deny the request, as 6700.0100 subp. 7 criteria for discretionary variance have not been met; denial will not result in hardship. Nigel Perrote seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. In addition, public interest criteria are not met. Amendment included in original motion. Roll call votes were taken, the motion passes via unanimous voice vote. The variance request is denied.
5. **Variance: Suenaga:** Ms. Popowski introduced the variance request of Mr. Suenaga. Mr. Suenaga was not present at the request. The petitioner is requesting a variance under Rule 6700.0100, subp. 20. School. He is requesting that the board recognize his attended university but acknowledges that he still will need to complete PPOE requirements to become eligible for licensure. The degree was evaluated and determined to be equivalent to a regionally accredited institution.
- **MOTION:** Scott Kent moved motion to grant request for a discretionary variance, under Rule 6700.0100, subp. 20., as criteria have been met. The variance is granted until licensure exam is taken. Tad Farrell seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
6. **Variance: Uwaya:** Ms. Popowski introduced the variance request of Mr. Uwaya. Mr. Uwaya was not present at the request. The petitioner is requesting a variance under Rule 6700.0100, subp. 20. School. He is requesting that the board recognize his attended university but acknowledges that he still will need to complete PPOE requirements to become eligible for licensure. The degree was evaluated and determined to be equivalent to a regionally accredited institution. Mr. Uwaya cited the hardship as financial.
- **MOTION:** Shelly Schaefer moved the motion to grant the request until licensure, as discretionary criteria have been met. Bobbi Holtberg seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
7. **Variance: Khamdu:** Ms. Popowski introduced the variance request of Mr. Khamdu. Mr. Khamdu was not present at the request. The petitioner is requesting a variance under Rule 6700.0100, subp. 20. School. He is requesting that the board recognize his attended university but acknowledges that he still will need to complete PPOE requirements to become eligible for licensure. The degree was evaluated and determined to be equivalent to a regionally accredited institution. He cited the hardship as an unfair exclusion because his bachelor's degree is from the UK.
- **MOTION:** Scott Kent moved the motion to grant the request until licensure, as discretionary criteria have been met. Scott Nadeau seconded the motion. A Roll call vote was taken, The motion passes.
8. **Rulemaking Project R4750 (updates and changes):**
- a) **Introductions to the rules in the revisors format:** Ms. Popowski introduced the revisors format of the POST rules that were submitted. Discussion ensued.
 - b) **Comments received (2nd RFC):** Ms. Popowski introduced the Request for Comments responses. Three comments were received. Discussion ensued.
9. **Adjournment:** Chair Hennen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- **MOTION:** Tad Farell moved the motion to adjourn. Scott Nadeau seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.