



Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2025

Members Present

Chair Luke Hennen
Andrew Evans
Bobbie Holtberg
Jennifer Foster
Jim Yang
Nigel Perrote
Shawn Williams
Shelly Schaefer
Stephanie Burrage
Stephanie Revering
Tad Farrell
Tanya Gladney
Troy Wolbersen

Staff Present

Alicia Popowski
Angie Rohow
Erik Misselt
Katie Cederstrom
Michelle Haggberg
Mike Cumiskey
Rob Skoro
Sarah Zastrow
Schyler Beaty
Shari Bartness
Tahami Danial

Members Excused Absence

Kelly Phillips
Scott Kent

Members Absent

Jason Bennett
Justin Terrell

Counsel Present

David Cullen, A.G. Office
Christopher Kaisershot, A.G. Office

Others Present

Colton Blue, Variance Request

1. **Call to order:** Chair Hennen called the meeting to order on January 23, 2025 at 10:02 a.m.
2. **Approval of the agenda:** Chair Hennen asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
 - **MOTION:** Chief Revering made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
3. **Approval of the Board meeting minutes on November 7, 2024:** Chair Hennen asked for a motion to approve the November 7, 2024 minutes.
 - **MOTION:** Dr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Perrote seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
4. **R4850 Update:** Ms. Popowski spoke about the R4850 has been completed. The changes are on the Revisor's website.
5. **R6700.0501 reciprocity rule changes:** Ms. Popowski provided a presentation on the R6700.0501 with notation that this is a rule proposal, and the draft is still being worked on.

Following Subparts were discussed:

- Subp. 1. **Scope.**

- Subp. 2. **Basic ~~peace officer~~ ~~police~~ education.**
- Subp. 3. **Law enforcement officer.**
- Subp. 4. **[Repealed, 30 SR 903].**
- Subp. 5. **Postsecondary degree.**
- Subp. 6. **~~Years of experience.~~ Replaced with **Full-time.****
- Subp. 7. **Qualifications.** Replaced with **peace officer reciprocity A (full-time) B (part-time).**
- Subp. 8. **Military reciprocity.**
- Subp. ~~8~~ 9. **Eligibility.**
- Subp. ~~9~~-10. **License eligibility.**
- Subp. ~~10~~ 11. **Applicability.**

Discussion ensued on Subp 7. The Board referred Subp. 7 back to the Rules Committee to develop a reciprocity option for those who have a significant amount of law enforcement experience, but do not have a degree or post-secondary education experience.

6. **Variance request – Colton Blue:** Ms. Popowski presented Mr. Blue’s variance request. Mr. Blue was present for the meeting. Mr. Blue is short the 5-year requirement (no degree) to take the MN reciprocity exam and is seeking a variance to take the exam.
 - **MOTION:** Dr. Schaefer made a motion for the Board to deny the petitioner’s request for a variance of Minnesota Rule 6700.0500, Supb. 3, because the statutory criteria for a discretionary variance has not been met. Ms. Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous voice vote.
7. **Variance request – Helilahmah Morin:** Ms. Popowski presented Mr. Morin’s variance request. Mr. Morin was not present for the meeting. Medical Services from City College- which is in Florida. City College is institutionally accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES), which is a nationally recognized accrediting association by the U.S. Secretary of Education. City College does not meet definition of “school” in chapter 6700.
 - **MOTION:** Ms. Foster made a motion to deny the petitioner’s request for a variance per rule 6700.0100 Subp. 20 because the statutory criteria has not been met. Specifically, application of the rule to the petitioner would not result in hardship or injustice, variance from the rule would not be consistent with public interest, and the variance from the rule would prejudice the legal or economic rights of any person. Chief Revering seconded the motion. Ms. Bartness took a roll call vote with 10 “yes” votes to deny the variance and 3 “no” votes. The motion passed.
8. **Executive Director report:** Director Misselt provided a presentation for proposed changes to peace office training. He spoke about 43 states have a unified training system and Minnesota does not. He spoke about once this work has been completed it will be presented to the Board for their consideration.

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Police training should be based upon adult learning principles with integrated, progressive, scenario-based training.
- Complete separation between higher education degree programs and preservice peace officer training.
- Pre-service peace officer training program (academy) will be the sole purview of MN POST as provided in Minn. Stats 626.84 – 626.8516.

- POST will develop a uniform training program that will be delivered by certified organizations in the method and manner prescribed by the Board.
- Training and evaluation metrics will be created by subject matter experts, educators and practitioners facilitated by POST.

Discussion ensued.

9. Licensure matters (closed to the public)

10. Licensure hearing – Siebsen: Mr. Kaisershot presented arguments and a closing statement during the open portion of the meeting.

11. Deliberations – Siebsen (closed to the public)

12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.