



Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2024

Members Present

Luke Hennen, Chair
Andrew Evans
Bobbi Holtberg
Jennifer Foster
Jim Yang
Nigel Perrote
Pilar Stier
Shawn Williams
Shelly Schaefer
Stephanie Revering
Tanya Gladney
Troy Wolbersen

Staff Present

Alicia Popowski
Angie Rohow
Erik Misselt
Michelle Haggberg
Mike Monsrud
Mike Cumiskey
Rob Skoro
Sarah Zastrow
Schyler Beaty
Shari Bartness

Members Absent

Jason Bennett
Justin Terrell
Scott Kent

Counsel Present

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

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Hennen called the meeting to order on April 25, 2024 at 10:04 a.m.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Chair Hennen asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
 - **MOTION:** Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Schaefer seconded the motion. The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.
3. **Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes on January 25, 2024:** Chair Hennen asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
 - **MOTION:** Dr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Foster seconded the motion. The motion was approved via voice vote.
4. **Learning Objectives Revision Approval:** Dr. Gladney spoke about receiving requests from NAMI and Youth Justice Office. These requests will be reviewed at the next Training committee meeting. Category 1 was approved. Categories 2, 3 and 4 are in the handout for the Board's consideration today. An amendment for the Learning Objectives is expected and will be submitted for the Board's consideration at the July 25, 2024 meeting.
 - **MOTION:** Dr. Schaefer made a motion to approve item 4 as written. Ms. Stier seconded the motion. The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

5. **Overview of PPOE Working Group Survey Results:** Mr. Skoro spoke about the PPOE working group consisted of PPOE Coordinators, Sheriff's, Chief's of Police, and the League of MN Cities. The workgroup had met for approximately 5 months. The scope was to identify best practices from other states. The working group agreed changes are needed in PPOE. Discussion ensued.

6. **Rules Hearing Update/Summary of Dual Notice Comments for 4850:** Ms. Popowski spoke about receiving 33 comments that requested a hearing. The hearing is scheduled for May 22 at 9:30am via WebEx. The ALJ is Judge Butler. The comments received were to add the word "lawful" before the word "order" in the proposed rule amendment to Minnesota Rule 6700.1600, subp 1 (F)(4) as published in the December 4, 2023 State Register.

7. **Revisions to Reporting Requirements Under Minn. Stat. 626.8457, Subd. 3 Approval:** Director Misselt requested the Board consider changing the reporting criteria to provide more meaningful data that meets the statute. This will help identify trends and capture confirmed allegations and violations in real time. Clear instruction is needed for CLEO's on what needs to be reported. Annual reporting requirements will roll out July 1, 2024.
 - **MOTION:** Ms. Foster made a motion to approve item 7. Ms. Holtberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

8. **Variance Request – Alphonso Butler:** Ms. Popowski summarized Mr. Butler's variance request as he was unable to attend. Mr. Butler has a post-secondary degree, but it is not recognized by Chapter 6700. The university he attended was out of country and is not regionally accredited.
 - **MOTION:** Mr. Evans made a motion for the Board to grant the petitioner's request for a variance because the statutory criteria for a discretionary variance has been met. I move that the variance of Minnesota Rule 6700.0100, subp. 20, be granted to enroll in a PPOE program based upon his determination of having an equivalency of a bachelor's degree. Ms. Revering seconded the motion. The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

9. **Variance Request – Todd Janecke:** Ms. Popowski summarized Mr. Janecke's variance request as he was unable to attend. Mr. Janecke is a part-time license holder seeking a variance on the education requirement to take the full-time licensure exam.
 - **MOTION:** Mr. Evans made a motion for the Board to grant the petitioner's request for a variance because the statutory criteria for a discretionary variance has been met. I move that the variance of Minnesota Rule 6700.0500, subp. 3, be granted to take the PPOE exam with the condition of being able to take the exam 3 times. Ms. Stier seconded the motion. The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

10. **Executive Director Report:** Director Misselt recognized Ms. Revering for her contributions regarding the change in the misconduct reporting. He spoke about attending the Chief's conference and plans to attend the upcoming Sheriff's conference

Updates:

- Opening up Pathway's for non-traditional degrees.
- SRO bill passed. Mr. Monsrud is handling.
- No longer report complaints of a violation, but only if it is determined there was a violation.
- Provide clear instruction for reporting to CLEO's.
- Annual reporting requirements would roll out July 1, 2024.

11. **Licensure Matters (Closed to the Public):**

12. **Licensure Hearing:** Mr. Kaisershot presented arguments and a closing statement during the open portion of the meeting.

13. **Deliberations (Closed to the Public):**

14. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.