



Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training

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Ensuring Police Excellence and Improving Community Relations Advisory Council

July 24, 2023

9:00 a.m.

This was a hybrid meeting held at the POST Board office

Members Present:

Terry Stier (Alternate Chair)
Carl Crawford
Erik Misselt
Julio Zelaya
Nikki Engel
Paul Novotny
Sean Deringer
Sue Abderholden
Terry Stier

Members Absent:

Chair Eric Won
Andrew Matthews
Anne Haines Holy Eagle
Biiftuu Adam
Cathy Spann
Dave Titus
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Staff Present:

Michael Monsrud
Shari Mitchell

Call to Order: Chair Stier called the meeting to order on July 24, 2023 at 9:08 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda: Chair Stier asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

- **Motion:** Mr. Crawford made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Abderholden seconded the motion. The agenda was approved via unanimous voice vote.

Approval of the April 3, 2023 Minutes: Chair Stier asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

- **Motion:** Ms. Abderholden made a motion to approve the April 3, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Crawford seconded the motion. The minutes were approved via unanimous voice vote.

Juvenile DNA Workgroup Update: Mr. Crawford talked about this first being brought to the Council's attention approximately a year ago. Story told to the Council a year ago does not match what was on the news. He advised that he is trying to gather the facts and had requested a data request from the Minneapolis PD.

Mr. Misselt spoke about receiving an email this morning from the Minneapolis PD, Deputy Chief and he confirmed that DNA collection did take place and that the officer who did the collection was within MPD policies.

Final Discussion/Planning for Listening Sessions: Mr. Crawford spoke about the dates are being determined possibly for August 17th and 18th and will start in Duluth to cover the Northern Loop.

POST Board Update: Mr. Misselt provided the following updates:

Term Ended for Board Members:

- Kelly McCarthy
- Liz Richards

New Board Members:

- Chief Stephanie Revering
- Public Member Bobbi Holtberg

Renewed Term for Board Members:

- Troy Wolbersen
- Jennifer Foster
- Jason Bennett

New Chair Appointment for the Board:

- Sheriff Luke Hennen

Board is working on finalizing Active Bystandership learning objectives that came from the Training Committee. Chair Gladney will be presenting at the next Board meeting on 7/27/23.

Training Committee Mr. Skoro has been working on the standardization of skills training and the PPOE learning objectives for Category 1. Both will also be discussed at the next Board meeting on 7/27/23.

New Training Program being created for anyone who has a 2-4 year degree can go into a training program that takes approximately 8 months to complete and then they will be eligible to take the PPOE exam.

POST Board will be looking into real-time reporting more specifically to misconduct.

- What is being reported.
- Should more data be collected to provide better reporting.

Discussion/ Topics:

Transport Holds

Ms. Abderholden requested to discuss transport holds. She worked with the Chief's of Police a year ago on crisis response. She met with multiple crisis teams last week and they expressed concern with police

not being willing to carry out transport holds once a mental health professional said they would meet the 72hr hold. She noted this is continuing to be a problem since the use of force law changed. She will provide the EPEICR Council with the report.

Mr. Misselt spoke about this not being within the POST's purview and is not within the POST's jurisdiction. This may be a legislation issue.

Mr. Deringer spoke about his department would sign the form, but there is nowhere to take the mentally ill as there are no beds available. It can take weeks, sometimes months to find a bed. He spoke about this also being an issue for the jails due to the lack of resources.

Mr. Novotny spoke about this not being a POST Board issue.

Ms. Abderholden sees this as a training issue for law enforcement.

Office of Cannabis

Mr. Stier spoke about the new upcoming law change that goes into effect on August 1, 2023. People can now consume cannabis and have possession of. Retailers can sell. He is currently awaiting information from the Office of Cannabis regarding law enforcement's responsibility.

Retiring Peace Officers

Mr. Crawford asked for a report on how many officers are retiring.

Mr. Misselt said the POST Board's goal is to try to make it easier and more efficient for professionals to become an officer without lowering the standards. The POST Board does not know when an officer is going to retire until we receive the form. Law enforcement career numbers are down across the country. PPOE program numbers are down. He agreed to provide a report to the Council.

Mr. Deringer said that PERA estimates 1500 to be retiring in 3-5 years.

Ms. Engel asked if any research has been done on why is there such a great decline in law enforcement?

Mr. Misselt spoke about not knowing of any research that is able to capture the "why". Several variables go into the equation. Demographers predicted this decline across many industries a long time ago.

Adjournment: Chair Stier asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:50 a.m.

- **Motion:** Mr. Misselt made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Engel seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous voice vote.