



Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board

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MINUTES OF THE JULY 20, 2022 MEETING OF THE ARIZONA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD PHOENIX, ARIZONA

A public meeting of the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board was convened on July 20, 2022, at the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, located at 2643 E. University Drive, Phoenix, AZ.

Members Present (in person):

Assistant Attorney General John Johnson, representing Attorney General Mark Brnovich
Ms. Jamie Kelly, Public Member
Detective Joseph Krajcer, Tempe Police Department
Deputy Director Joe Profiri, representing Director David Shinn, AZ Department of Corrections
Rehabilitation & Reentry
Professor Kevin Robinson, Arizona State University
Sheriff Doug Schuster, Mohave County Sheriff's Office
Colonel Heston Silbert, AZ Department of Public Safety

Members Present (via online video/telephone conferencing):

Ms. Leesa B. Weisz, Public Member
Chief Chris Vasquez, Eloy Police Department

Members Absent:

Sheriff Mark Dannels, Cochise County Sheriff's Office, Chairman
Detective Benjamin Cook, Pinal County Sheriff's Office
Commander Matthew Figueroa, Jail Commander, Coconino County Sheriff's Office
Chief Jeri Williams, Phoenix Police Department

Staff in Attendance (in person):

Matt Giordano, Executive Director
Michele Blanco, Compliance Specialist
Richard Bradshaw, Compliance Specialist
William Caldwell, Compliance Specialist
Mike Deltenre, Compliance Specialist
Sean Donegan, Compliance Program Administrator
Mike Giammarino, Compliance Program Administrator
Cathy Hawse, Compliance Specialist
Robin MacIntire, Compliance Specialist
Darren Martinez, Compliance Specialist
Charles Miiller, Advanced Training Manager
Mike Orose, Operations Manager
Greg Redmon, Training Specialist
Michael Rodriguez, Training Specialist

Daniel Romero, Training Specialist
Cindy Sawyer, Compliance Specialist
Rita Mae Schaefer, Administrative Assistant
Tim Shay, Compliance Specialist
Sandy Sierra, Executive Assistant
Aaron Thomas, Training Specialist
Rick VanKeuren, Training Specialist
Lori Wait, Basic Training Manager
Dale Wyman, Digital Media Specialist

Assistant Attorneys General (in person):

Mark Brachtl
Gino Duran
Monique Coady

A. Call to Order

Acting Chairman Silbert called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Sheriff Schuster to lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Introductions, Presentations and Announcements

Matt Giordano, Executive Director

- Roll Call was taken. Nine Board members are present, seven are here in person and two are participating via telephone/video conferencing. Sheriff Dannels, Chief Williams, Commander Figueroa and Detective Cook are absent. Colonel Silbert will be acting Chair. We finally have a 13 Board members, there are no vacant positions.
- Sheriff Doug Schuster is our newest Board member. Sheriff Schuster brings 32 years of law enforcement experience to the Board; he is also on his second term as Sheriff of Mohave County.
- Assistant Attorney General Monique Coady is the Independent Advisor for all the final action cases.
- Five charging cases will be tabled and placed on a future agenda; William E. Gallego 2020-157, Anthony R. Alvarez 2022-100, Manuel D. Castro 2021-089, Christopher J. Long 2021-199 and Jesse J. Ranzau 2022-028.
- Agenda item E is being removed from today's agenda, the Springerville Police Department has withdrawn their petition request.
- Agenda item J, the Firearms Qualification Revision will be tabled and placed on a future agenda.
- Agenda item G will be presented before agenda item F.

C. Executive Director's Report

Matt Giordano, Executive Director

- AZPOST provided 4 hours of continuing education training at the Law Enforcement Summit in Flagstaff last week. The training was a presentation by Eric Kowalczyk, who was the PIO for the Baltimore Police Department during the Freddie Grey Riots and he gave a presentation on Planning for The Worst Day. This was an excellent presentation.
- AZPOST has partnered with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to provide free statewide training for Arizona peace officers. A webinar was held yesterday to announce this partnership. Arizona POST is the first POST in the country to enter into

this type of partnership. Our goal is to assist agencies throughout the state experiencing staffing shortages and budget challenges by providing this free training. The E-learning classes can be accessed from any location at any time, which creates opportunities to effectively manage staffing while encouraging ongoing adult learning. Currently, 28 classes are approved for AZPOST continuous training credits. A link to the COPS portal to access these classes can be found on our website.

- AZPOST now has a Twitter account. This will allow us to quickly provide information on what we are doing and things that are happening at AZPOST.
- I was part of a panel for the State Bar of Arizona Conference that was held June 27th. The panel discussion was regarding Brady and Beyond.
- An 8-hour class on Officer Safety and Wellness Training was taught at PRPA on June 24th to 25 recruits. AZPOST Basic and Advanced Training staff provided the training and did an excellent job. The training is geared towards recruits and in-line officers. The class was filmed by our Digital Media Unit. There will be one more class that Denver will host in July and in two months, we hope to push the class out nationally.

D. Consent Agenda

Mr. Johnson (AAG) recused himself from this matter.

Professor Robinson made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly and passed unanimously.

The following items were approved:

1. Minutes of the Board meeting held on June 15, 2022.
2. Consent Agreements for Voluntary Relinquishment/Denial of Peace Officer Certification. The following individuals, without admitting to any misconduct, requests the Board accept their request to permanently relinquish their Arizona peace officer certification:

Daniel N. Musser	2016-139	Colorado City Marshal’s Office
Scott J. Callender	2019-114	Mesa Police Department
Cody B. Tinney	2019-223	Gila River Police Department
Todd J. Ferrin	2020-024	Phoenix Police Department
Eli Max	2020-033	La Paz County Sheriff’s Office
Tyken J. Solie	2020-170	Phoenix Police Department
Timothy A. Curtis	2021-059	AZ Department of Public Safety
Luis Gonzalez	2021-193	Marana Police Department
Ashton M. Shewey	2022-010	AZ Department of Public Safety
Raul A. Mata	2022-060	Sahuarita Police Department
Mary E. Rawlins	2022-065	Gilbert Police Department
Felipe D. Covarrubias	2022-083	ASU Police Department
Joseph E. Lestinsky	2022-087	Tohono O’odham Nation Police Department
Carlos R. Montoya	2022-088	Tohono O’odham Nation Police Department
Steven D. Hughes	2022-092	Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office
Young K. Chang	2022-101	Mesa Police Department
Charles A. Cosgrove	2022-107	Buckeye Police Department

Thomas A. Orlowski 2022-110 Gila River Police Department

- E. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on a Springerville Police Department Petition pursuant to A.A.C. R13-4-103(G) for Applicant Lee Bell.

This petition was withdrawn at the request of the agency.

- F. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on a Coconino County Sheriff's Office Petition pursuant to A.A.C. R13-4-103(G) for Applicant Arnold Maryboy.

Assistant Attorney General Mark Brachtl addressed the Board regarding a Coconino County Sheriff's Office petition for Applicant Arnold Maryboy. Applicant Maryboy is legally blind in one eye, he also has less than 20/20 corrected vision in his other eye. Sheriff Driscoll, Coconino County Sheriff's Department, addressed the Board to request that the petition be granted.

Ms. Kelly made a motion to go into executive session to review confidential medical information. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson (AAG) and passed unanimously.

The Board went into executive session at 10:24 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:43 a.m.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to accept the Coconino County Sheriff's Office medical examination report and permit Applicant Maryboy's appointment with the Coconino County Sheriff's Office to proceed. The motion was seconded by Detective Krajcer and passed unanimously.

- G. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on an Apache Junction Police Department Petition pursuant to A.A.C. R13-4-103(G) for Applicant Johnny John.

Assistant Attorney General Mark Brachtl addressed the Board regarding an Apache Junction Police Department petition for Applicant Johnny John. Applicant John has a hearing deficiency. Chief Mike Pooley, Apache Junction Police Department, addressed the Board to request that the petition be granted.

Deputy Director Profiri made a motion that based upon the information submitted by the Apache Junction Police Department and pursuant to Rule R13-4-103(G), the Board grant an unrestricted peace officer certification to Applicant Johnny John. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weisz and passed unanimously.

- H. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Academy Certification for the Glendale Community College Law Enforcement Academy to provide the basic training required to receive certified peace officer status.

Executive Director Giordano stated AZPOST staff conducted an on-site inspection of the academy to determine compliance with AZPOST standards. Staff determined the academy is in compliance and recommends the Board's approval.

Mr. Kelly made a motion that the Glendale Community College Law Enforcement Academy meets all the requirements of R13-4-114 and R13-4-116, and the academy may provide the basic training required to receive certified peace officer status. The motion was seconded by Professor Robinson and passed unanimously.

- I. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on a Pima County Sheriff's Department Academy Driving Track Certification to provide basic curriculum driver's training.

The Pima County Sheriff's Department is requesting approval of a driving track to be used for basic curriculum driver's training for the Pima County Sheriff's Department Police Academy, as well as for in-service training. Per AZPOST rules, an on-site inspection must be conducted and the track must be in compliance. AZPOST staff conducted an on-site inspection and determined the track met all the requirements of R13-4-116(B)(5).

Deputy Director Profiri made a motion that the Pima County Sheriff's Department driving track meets the standards of R13-4-116(B)(5) and may be used for AZPOST basic peace officer driver's training. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson (AAG) and passed unanimously.

- J. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on a Proposed Firearms Qualification Course Revision.

This item was tabled.

- K. Review, Discussion and Potential Approval of the 2022-2025 AZPOST Strategic Plan.

The 2022-2025 AZPOST Strategic Plan was created to serve as a near and mid-term roadmap to guide the organization's efforts and resources; in addition to providing a long-term tool for judicious succession planning. Creation of a Strategic Plan is a first for AZPOST. Huge thanks goes out to Advanced Training Manager Chuck Miiller, was the driving force behind this endeavor. His prior experience with creating Strategic Plans was invaluable.

Ms. Kelly made a motion that the 2022-2025 AZPOST Strategic Plan be approved. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Schuster and passed unanimously.

- L. Final Action Cases:

1. 2021-053 – Brian T. Thatcher – Phoenix Police Department

The Board considered comments from Assistant Attorney General Gino Duran, who provided a brief overview of the Motion to Dismiss the previously issued Complaint. Sheriff Schuster made a motion to dismiss the June 16, 2021, complaint. The motion was seconded by Deputy Director Profiri and passed unanimously.

2. 2022-057 – Miguel Diaz – Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office

The Board considered comments from Assistant Attorney General Gino Duran, who provided a brief overview of the proposed consent agreement. Ms. Weisz made a motion to accept the proposed consent agreement for an 18-month suspension of Mr. Diaz's peace officer certification. The suspension shall be in effect beginning March 16, 2022, and

ending September 16, 2023. The motion was seconded by Professor Robinson and passed unanimously.

3. 2021-106 – Roberto Reyes Jr. – El Mirage Police Department

The Board considered comments from Assistant Attorney General Mark Brachtel, who provided a brief overview of the proposed consent agreement, and from Mr. Reyes. Mr. Johnson (AAG) made a motion to accept the proposed consent agreement and deny peace officer certification to Mr. Reyes for a 12-month period beginning June 1, 2021, and ending June 1, 2022; after which he may be eligible to reapply for certified status. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weisz and passed unanimously.

M. New Charging Cases:

1. 2020-157 – William E. Gallego – Tucson Police Department

This case was tabled.

2. 2022-100 – Anthony R. Alvarez – Yuma Police Department

This case was tabled.

3. 2022-093 – Justin K. Truman – Gilbert Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Richard Bradshaw, who provided a brief overview of the case. Ms. Kelly made a motion to Initiate Proceedings to deny peace officer certification to Mr. Truman. The motion was seconded by Detective Krajcer and passed unanimously.

4. 2022-049 – Lucas C. Bremerman – Phoenix Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Mike Deltenre, who provided a brief overview of the case. Detective Krajcer made a motion to Initiate Proceedings against Ms. Bremerman's peace officer certification. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly and passed unanimously.

5. 2021-074 – Michael A. Canizales – Pima County Sheriff's Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Cathy Hawse, who provided a brief overview of the case. Professor Robinson made a motion to Initiate Proceedings against Mr. Canizales' peace officer certification. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Schuster and passed unanimously.

6. 2021-089 – Manuel D. Castro – Nogales Police Department

This case was tabled.

7. 2021-199 – Christopher J. Long – Bisbee Police Department

This case was tabled.

8. 2021-233 – Cody Sunderland – Willcox Department of Public Safety

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Cathy Hawse, who provided a brief overview of the case. Sheriff Schuster made a motion to close this case with No Action. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly and passed unanimously.

9. 2022-028 – Jesse J. Ranzau – Wickenburg Police Department

This case was tabled.

10. 2022-098 – Eric C. Isaac – Tohono O’odham Nation Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Darren Martinez, who provided a brief overview of the case. Professor Robinson made a motion to Initiate Proceedings against Mr. Isaac’s peace officer certification. The motion was seconded by Deputy Director Profiri and passed unanimously.

N. Future Agenda Items

Executive Director stated many of the items that were tabled today will be placed on a future agenda. Also, we will be looking to address the current medical procedures and possibly make some changes.

O. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.