



Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 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 September 21, 2022, at the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, located at 2643 E. University Drive, Phoenix, AZ.

Members Present (in person):

Detective Benjamin Cook, Pinal County Sheriff's Office
Commander Matthew Figueroa, Jail Commander, Coconino County Sheriff's Office
Assistant Attorney General John Johnson, representing Attorney General Mark Brnovich
Ms. Jamie Kelly, Public Member
Deputy Director Joe Profiri, representing Director David Shinn, AZ Department of Corrections
Rehabilitation & Reentry
Professor Kevin Robinson, Arizona State University
Chief Chris Vasquez, Eloy Police Department

Members Present (via online video/telephone conferencing):

Detective Joseph Krajcer, Tempe Police Department
Sheriff Doug Schuster, Mohave County Sheriff's Office
Ms. Leesa B. Weisz, Public Member

Members Absent:

Sheriff Mark Dannels, Cochise County Sheriff's Office, Chairman
Colonel Heston Silbert, AZ Department of Public Safety

Staff in Attendance (in person):

Matt Giordano, Executive Director
Ben Henry, Deputy Director
Richard Bradshaw, Compliance Specialist
William Caldwell, Compliance Specialist
Mike Deltenre, Compliance Specialist
Sean Donegan, Compliance Program Administrator
Mike Giammarino, Compliance Program Administrator
Arlene Heckel, Compliance Specialist
Robin MacIntire, Compliance Specialist
Darren Martinez, Compliance Specialist
Darcy Nichols, Compliance Specialist
Mike Orose, Program Administrator
Mike Puente, Training Specialist
Greg Redmon, Training Specialist
Michael Rodriguez, Training Specialist

Cindy Sawyer, Compliance Specialist
Rita Mae Schaefer, Administrative Assistant
Tim Shay, Compliance Specialist
Sandy Sierra, Executive Assistant
Aaron Thomas, Training Specialist
Dave Toporek, Compliance Specialist
Rick VanKeuren, Training Specialist
Lori Wait, Basic Training Program Administrator
Dale Wyman, Digital Media Specialist

Assistant Attorneys General (in person):

Mark Brachtl
Gino Duran
Marc Harris

A. Call to Order

Acting Chairman Profiri called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Detective Cook to lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Introductions, Presentations and Announcements

Matt Giordano, Executive Director

- Roll Call was taken. Ten Board members are present, seven are here in person and three are participating via telephone/video conferencing. Deputy Director Profiri will be acting Chair due to Sheriff Dannels' absence. We have one vacant Board member position.
- Assistant Attorney General Marc Harris is the Independent Legal Advisor for the first final action case – Douglas A Matteson 2022-091.
- Charging case #2, Bernadine Rodriquez 2022-043, will be tabled and placed on a future agenda.

C. Executive Director's Report

Matt Giordano, Executive Director

- The Basic Training Unit recently hosted a meeting regarding Active Shooter Training. We are looking to incorporate this training into our basic academy curriculum. Most agencies provide this type of advanced training to their officers, but we wanted to make sure that officers are receiving this training at a basic level in the academy.
- Our IT Unit has been working on updating our internal system to allow for integration with all 159 agencies in the state. We are making the information more secure and easier to extract when information needs to be pulled from the system. Our next project will be the training logs. IT is working on creating a system where every year officers will be able to enter their training, then it will be approved by their training coordinators, then uploaded into our system. It will track what training each officer has had for that year. Currently, we audit training records yearly, but for the previous year. This new system will allow the training records to reflect real time records and show up-to-date information as to what training has been completed. Our hope is that in January 2024, we will be able to inform each agency head who in their agency has not met their training requirements for 2023. Technology advancement is something we have been pushing for a while.
- Those who are currently in law enforcement, or were previously in law enforcement, will be receiving information on claiming your Arizona POST account. You will be able to

claim your account and have access to your training records and your certification record. Individuals who are just beginning to create their Personal History Form online, will be required to create a my.azpost.gov account. We are now working on having all Arizona officers create a my.azpost.gov account. This is a big technology shift and we are very excited about this.

- Our latest rule changes, which will change the way we look at instructors and how we classify training records, are close to being approved. We have a study session next week with the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) and the following week the rules will be presented to GRRC for approval. Once approved, we will notify all agency heads of the upcoming changes.
- I am part of the Arizona Child Fatality Review Program. We had a meeting last week to finalize the annual report regarding child fatalities and ways to reduce child fatalities in the state. The report will then be sent to the governor’s office.
- AZPOST staff meets every Tuesday to discuss cases. We had a discussion and determined that it would be helpful to provide resources to officers who are under AZPOST investigation. If an officer is still employed by their agency, they have access to resources through their agency’s portal. Officers who have been terminated do not have access to these resources. We reached out to the 100 Club and they graciously agreed to give AZPOST a Bulletproof application identification code. When we communicate with officers who are under investigation, we will include the Bulletproof application and they can log on and see any mental health resources they might need as they go through this process. We want them to be healthy mentally in case they do come back to law enforcement. We are very grateful to the 100 Club for partnering with us.
- For the past two years, I’ve been engaged with the Rand Corporation, out of California, on behalf of IADLEST and IACP. We have been looking at youth engagement and ways to engage the youth in our communities. We are looking forward to making the law enforcement profession appetizing to them and hopefully pursue a career in law enforcement. We put the final touches on the program and in the next month or two will push this program out nationally. On behalf of AZPOST, I will push this out to all the agencies in the state. We are hoping to create engaged members of the community with this program.

Acting Chairman Profiri stated his appreciation for staff being consciously aware of the impact it has on an officer when they are under AZPOST investigation and providing a way for them to get the resources they need. Also, fair warning to everyone that the automation of the training means get your yearly training completed.

D. Consent Agenda

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

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

The following items were approved:

1. Minutes of the Board meeting held on August 17, 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:

Vincent O. Carpenter	2020-124	Chandler Police Department
Paul M. Vogler	2021-054	Phoenix Police Department
Brad L. Eith	2021-161	Glendale Police Department
Chris M. Merrill	2022-027	Phoenix Police Department
Lucas C. Bremerman	2022-049	Phoenix Police Department
Eric. C. Isaac	2022-098	Tohono O’odham Nation Police Department
Jonathan L. Calderon	2022-115	Buckeye Police Department
Paul A. Campbell	2022-119	Glendale Police Department
Michael J. Lewis	2022-122	Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office
Joel Molina	2022-143	Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office

- E. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Academy Certification for the Coconino Community College High Country Training 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.

Ms. Weisz made a motion that the Coconino Community College High Country Training 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 Chief Vasquez and passed unanimously.

Assistant Attorney General Mark Brachtl asked the Board for an executive session to provide legal advice concerning permanent denial of peace officer certification.

Chief Vasquez made a motion to go into executive session to receive confidential legal advice from the Board’s attorney. The motion was seconded by Commander Figueroa and passed unanimously.

The Board went into executive session at 10:15 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 11:15 a.m.

F. Final Action Cases:

1. 2022-091 – Douglas A. Matteson – Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office
 The Board considered comments from Assistant Attorney General Mark Brachtl, attorney for the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, who provided a brief overview of the proposed consent agreement; he also stated an amendment should be made to page one of the consent agreement to reflect the date as May 12, 2021. Professor Robinson made a motion to accept the proposed consent agreement for a 12-month suspension of Mr. Matteson’s peace officer certification. The suspension shall be in effect

beginning March 17, 2022, and ending March 17, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commander Figueroa and passed unanimously.

2. 2022-062 – Mikisa R. Armenta – Gila River Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Darcy Nichols, who provided a brief overview of the case. Chief Vasquez made a motion to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and permanently deny peace officer certification to Ms. Armenta. The motion was seconded by Professor Robinson and passed unanimously.

3. 2021-173 – Jeremy A. Candiotti – Florence Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist William Caldwell, who provided a brief overview of the case. Professor Robinson made a motion to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and permanently deny peace officer certification to Mr. Candiotti. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly and passed unanimously.

4. 2021-190 – Joshua M. Grover – Salt River Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist William Caldwell, who provided a brief overview of the case. Detective Cook made a motion to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and close this case with no action. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weisz and passed with one nay vote recorded for Ms. Kelly.

5. 2021-202 – Pablo H. Youcupicio – Salt River Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist William Caldwell, who provided a brief overview of the case. Commander Figueroa made a motion to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and permanently deny peace officer certification to Mr. Youcupicio. The motion was seconded by Chief Vasquez and passed unanimously.

G. New Charging Cases:

1. 2022-028 – Jesse J. Ranzau – Wickenburg Police Department

The Board considered comments from Deputy Director Ben Henry, who provided an overview of the case; a short video was also presented. Detective Cook made a motion to Initiate Proceedings against Mr. Ranzau's peace officer certification. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly and passed unanimously.

2. 2022-043 – Bernadine Rodriguez – AZ Department of Transportation - ECD

This case was tabled.

3. 2022-131 – Gable J. Boudreaux – Flagstaff Police Department

Chief Vasquez stepped out of the meeting for a short while and did not vote on this case. The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Mike Deltenre, who provided a brief overview of the case. Professor Robinson made a motion to Initiate Proceedings to deny peace officer certification to Mr. Boudreaux. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson and passed unanimously.

4. 2022-147 – Jason L. Halleman – Phoenix Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Mike Deltenre, who provided a brief overview of the case; a short video was also presented. Chief Vasquez

made a motion to Initiate Proceedings against Mr. Halleman's peace officer certification. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly and passed unanimously.

5. 2022-132 – Robert D. Smith – Coconino County Sheriff's Office
Commander Figueroa recused himself from this case. The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Mike Deltenre, who provided a brief overview of the case. Ms. Weisz made a motion to Initiate Proceedings against Mr. Smith's peace officer certification. The motion was seconded by Detective Cook and passed unanimously.
6. 2021-037 – Andres M. Patino – Eloy Police Department
Chief Vasquez recused himself from this case. The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Arlene Heckel, who provided a brief overview of the case. Detective Cook made a motion to Initiate Proceedings against Mr. Patino's peace officer certification. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson (AAG) and passed with one nay vote recorded for Commander Figueroa.
7. 2022-135 – Evan S. Silas – Hopi Resource Enforcement Services
The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Darren Martinez, who provided a brief overview of the case. Ms. Kelly made a motion to Initiate Proceedings against Mr. Silas' peace officer certification. The motion was seconded by Professor Robinson and passed unanimously.
8. 2021-126 – Michael D. Rosenberger – AZ Department of Liquor Licenses and Control
Mr. Johnson (AAG) recused himself from this case. The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Tim Shay, who provided a brief overview of the case. Professor Robinson made a motion to Initiate Proceedings against Mr. Rosenberger's peace officer certification. The motion was seconded by Chief Vasquez and passed unanimously.
9. 2022-124 – Bruce K. Ciolli – AZ Department of Liquor Licenses and Control
Mr. Johnson (AAG) recused himself from this case. Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Tim Shay, who provided a brief overview of the case. Ms. Weisz made a motion to Initiate Proceedings against Mr. Ciolli's peace officer certification. The motion was seconded by Professor Robinson and passed unanimously.

H. Future Agenda Items

Nothing new to add.

I. Call to the Public

No one wished to address the Board.

J. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.