

**AMENDED
ARIZONA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2012
PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

A public meeting of the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board was convened on February 15, 2012, at AZ POST, located at 2643 E. University Drive, Phoenix, AZ.

Members Present:

Mr. Joseph Duarte, Chairman
Sheriff John Armer
Dr. Scott Decker
Chief Kevin Kotsur
Ms. Wendy Larsen
Director Charles Ryan
Sheriff Tom Sheahan
Sergeant Robert Thompson
Deputy Director Dennis Young, representing Director Bobby Halliday

Members Absent:

Mr. Gerald Richard, representing Attorney General Tom Horne

Staff in Attendance:

Harry Atkins
Ted Brandon
Jim DeLung
Marie Dryer
Sandy Hansberger
Jon Heiden
Bob Irish
Lori Ketron
Lynn Larson
Lyle Mann
Gary Maschner
Curt Milam
Paul Orfe
Sandy Sierra
Chester Szoltysik
Rick Watling

Assistant Attorney General

Nancy Beck
Diana Stabler

A. Call to Order

Chairman Duarte called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

B. Introductions, Presentations and Announcements

Executive Director Mann informed the Board that a Police Supervision class, with approximately 40 students, is in attendance at today's meeting. He also explained last year's change in legislation in regards to receiving complaints of peace officer misconduct and the process involved once a complaint is received.

C. Legislative Update

Executive Director Mann informed the Board of bills being introduced at the legislature that have potential impact on AZ POST.

D. Request for Full Authority Restricted Peace Officer Certification – Arizona Corporation Commission

The Arizona Corporation Commission is requesting the Board grant Annalisa Weiss full authority "restricted" peace officer certification.

Sheriff Sheahan made a motion to grant a full authority "restricted" certification to Annalisa Weiss. The certification would be restricted from being assigned to any duty likely to result in the need to apply physical force and further, that the potential for such need is so remote as to be highly unlikely, and is authorized only for the duration of employment at the Arizona Corporation Commission, seconded by Sheriff Armer, motion carried unanimously.

E. Final Action Cases:**Case #1 – Mark A. Escarcega - Mesa Police Department**

The Board considered comments from Assistant A.G. Diana Stabler. Lt. Colonel Young made a motion to adopt the Consent Agreement, Decision and Order for voluntary relinquishment of peace officer certification, seconded by Dr. Decker, motion carried unanimously.

Case #2 – Christopher S. Connelly – Surprise Police Department

Chief Kotsur recused himself from this case. The Board considered comments from Compliance Manager Bob Irish. Sheriff Armer made a motion to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and revoke peace officer certification, seconded by Ms. Larsen, motion carried unanimously.

Case #3 – Reynaldo A. Martinez – Sahuarita Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Manager Bob Irish. Chief Kotsur made a motion to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and revoke peace officer certification, seconded by Sgt. Thompson, motion carried unanimously.

F. New Charging Cases:Case #1 – Simon C. Aitchison – Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Gary Maschner. Dr. Decker made a motion to ***Initiate Proceedings***, seconded by Chief Kotsur, motion carried unanimously.

Case #2 – Louie A. Aguilera – Cocopah Tribal Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Steve Jacobs. Sheriff Sheahan made a motion to close this case with ***No Action***, seconded by Sgt. Thompson, motion carried unanimously.

Case #3 – Sarah D. Hampton – South Tucson Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Curt Milam. Sheriff Armer made a motion to close this case with ***No Action***, seconded by Sheriff Sheahan, motion carried unanimously.

Case #4 – Deryck A. Lewis - Scottsdale Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Gary Maschner. Lt. Colonel Young made a motion to ***Initiate Proceedings***, seconded by Sgt. Thompson, motion carried unanimously.

Case #5 – Alfred Moore Jr. – San Carlos Tribal Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Paul Orfe. Ms. Larsen made a motion to ***Initiate Proceedings***, seconded by Dr. Decker; Ms. Larsen then withdrew her motion. Sheriff Sheahan made a motion to close this case with ***No Action***, seconded by Sgt. Thompson, motion carried unanimously.

Case #6 – Celestina Perez – Gila River Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Curt Milam. Sheriff Armer made a motion to ***Initiate Proceedings***, seconded by Dr. Decker, motion carried unanimously.

Case #7 – George A. Ratliff – Gila County Sheriff’s Office

Sheriff Armer and Lt. Colonel Young recused themselves from this case. The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Ted Brandon. Sgt. Thompson made a motion to close with case with ***No Action with Agency Discretion***, seconded by Ms. Larsen, motion carried unanimously.

Case #8 – Terry W. Blevins - Gila County Sheriff’s Office

Sheriff Armer and Lt. Colonel Young recused themselves from this case. The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Ted Brandon. Sheriff Sheahan made a motion to close with case with ***No Action***, seconded by Ms. Larsen, motion carried unanimously.

Case #9 – Michael L. Johnson - Gila County Sheriff’s Office

Sheriff Armer and Lt. Colonel Young recused themselves from this case. The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Ted Brandon. Dr. Decker made a motion to close with case with ***No Action***, seconded by Ms. Larsen, motion carried unanimously.

Case #10 – Terry H. Hudgens - Gila County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Armer and Lt. Colonel Young recused themselves from this case. The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Ted Brandon. Chief Kotsur made a motion to close with case with **No Action**, seconded by Dr. Decker, motion carried unanimously.

Case #11 – Timothy K. Scott - Gila County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Armer and Lt. Colonel Young recused themselves from this case. The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Ted Brandon. Ms. Larsen made a motion to close with case with **No Action**, seconded by Sgt. Thompson, motion carried unanimously.

Case #12 – John A. Shepherd - Gila County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Armer and Lt. Colonel Young recused themselves from this case. The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Ted Brandon. Sgt. Thompson made a motion to close with case with **No Action**, seconded by Sheriff Sheahan, motion carried unanimously.

G. Call to the Public

William De La Torre addressed the Board during the call to the public regarding the Gila County Sheriff's Office.

Brad Johnson addressed the Board during the call to the public regarding the Globe Police Department and the Gila County Attorney's Office.

Gilbert De La Torre addressed the Board during the call to the public regarding the Gila County Sheriff's Office.

Susan Imperatrice addressed the Board during the call to the public regarding law enforcement in Gila County.

Rudy Casillas addressed the Board during the call to the public regarding the Gila County Sheriff's Office.

H. Adjourn

Chairman Duarte adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m.