



# *Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board*

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING MAY 15, 2013 PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

A public meeting of the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board was convened on May 15, 2013, at AZ POST, located at 2643 E. University Drive, Phoenix, AZ.

### Members Present:

Chief Kevin Kotsur, Acting Chairman  
Sergeant Chris Andreacola  
Mr. David Brown  
Chief Steven Campbell  
Sheriff Scott Mascher  
Sergeant Anthony Nelson  
Detention Director Mike Olson  
Sheriff Bill Pribil  
Deputy Director Jeff Hood, representing Director Charles Ryan  
Professor Cornel Stemley  
Ms. Leesa Berens Weisz, representing Attorney General Tom Horne

### Members Absent:

Mr. H. Jeffrey Coker, Chairman  
Deputy Director Dennis Young, representing Director Bobby Halliday

### Staff in Attendance:

Ted Brandon  
Dan Ciernia  
Mike Deltenre  
Rosalee Fitch  
Ivan Gelo  
Sandy Hansberger  
Bob Irish  
Jon Heiden  
Steve Jacobs  
Jeff Kirkham  
Lyle Mann  
Gary Maschner  
Sandy Sierra  
Chester Szoltysik  
Rick Watling  
Don Yennie

Assistant Attorney General  
 Diana Stabler  
 Nancy Beck

**A. Call to Order**

Acting Chairman Kotsur called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked that a Moment of Silence be observed in memory of DPS Officer Tim Huffman, who was killed in an on-duty automobile accident on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Introductions, Presentations and Announcements**

Executive Director Mann presented a plaque to Scott Decker for his years of service on the POST Board. Dr. Decker was a POST Board member from 2007 to 2012.

**C. Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously, motion made by Chief Campbell, seconded by Ms. Berens Weisz.

1. Minutes of the Board meeting, held on March 20, 2013, were approved as written. Minutes of the Board meeting, held on April 17, 2013, were approved as written. Minutes of Strategic Planning Session, held on April 17, 2013, were approved as written.
2. Ministerial Actions:
  - a. Certification Waivers:
 

Bradley S. Penner	Prescott Valley Police Department
Erik S. Robinson	Casa Grande Police Department
  - b. Instructor Certification Renewals: LIST ATTACHED TO AGENDA PACKET.
  - c. Training Program Confirmations: LIST ATTACHED TO AGENDA PACKET.
3. Income and Expense Statement – March 2013

Funds as of March 1, 2013	<b>\$1,550,571.49</b>
CJEF Revenue	<b>662,708.29</b>
Expenditures/Encumbrances/Sweeps	<b>(554,785.03)</b>
Balance for March 31, 2013	<b>\$1,658,494.75</b>

**D. Legislative Update**

Executive Director Mann informed the Board that all bills at the legislature that could have an impact on AZ POST are still being monitored. He believes the budget will be resolved within the next few weeks.

**E. Summary of Current Events**

Executive Director Mann informed the Board that he attended the Western Regional International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) meeting in California last week. The meeting was very informative and they discussed numerous items that are of interest and pertain to law enforcement standards and training on the western region.

**F. Committee Update**

Executive Director Mann stated there is nothing new to report at this time.

**G. Reports****1. Basic Training Academies**

ALEA – Commander Mark Perkovich Class #467 will graduate on June 21, 2013, and currently has 49 recruits. Class #468 began on May 6, 2013 and will graduate on September 13, 2013. Class #469 will begin on August 12, 2013; the class is full with 56 reservations and has a waiting list of 14.

Chandler-Gilbert – Director Jon Terpay reported Class #10 began July 7, 2012, and will graduate on June 5, 2013; the class currently has 17 recruits. Class #11 began January 2, 2013, and will graduate on November 20, 2013; the class currently has 11 recruits. Class #12 will begin July 2, 2013; they have 29 candidates on the roster.

Pima Community College – Director Kevin Lane reported Class #12-01 began September 12, 2012, and will graduate on June 12, 2013; the class is an open enrollment class that began with 23 recruits and currently 19 remain.

NALETA – Provided a written report; presented by Training Supervisor Rick Watling, which states 8 of their 13 current recruits in the academy have been hired with another 2 or 3 promised jobs upon completion of the academy. Their next class is scheduled to start on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

NARTA – Commander Dave Rhodes reported Class #35 will begin August 5, 2013; they have 35 reservations for this class. He also stated that Lessons from the Holocaust is being taught as part of Advanced Training.

SALETC – Commander Bruce Smith reported Class #13-1 began January 14, 2013, and graduated on April 8, 2013, with 40 cadets. Class #13-2 began April 8, 2013; and will graduate on August 1, 2013. Class #13-2 will begin July 15, 2013; they currently have 62 reservations for this class.

2. Department of Corrections – Deputy Director Hood reported that since the last regular meeting, 82 cadets have graduated from COTA. They currently have four classes with 102 cadets. They have 283 vacancies statewide and have a 12% attrition rate. Seven cadets have graduated through the waiver process; which amounts to savings of over \$27,000 for the Department.
3. In-Service Training – Don Yennie provided a report to the Board that shows a 3-year history of In-Service Training. At the request of a Board member who asked for this information, this report was compiled that shows the number of in-service classes provided and the number of students who were taught.
4. Special Projects/Digital Media Training – Rick Watling reported POST staff member Mike Jaeger continues to teach Below 100 throughout the state. The driver simulator has been utilized throughout the state with 230 receiving this training. A new class will be offered in the near future titled Fundamentals of Investigative Training. Blue Courage will be the training topic at Pow Wow. The Digital Media Unit recently provided assistance in preparing videos to the AZ Constables and the AZ Attorney General's Office.

#### **H. Final Action Cases:**

##### Case #1 – Brian E. Eilola – Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

*Director Olson recused himself from this case.* The Board considered comments from Assistant A.G. Diana Stabler. Ms. Berens Weisz made a motion to adopt the Consent Agreement, Decision and Order for voluntary relinquishment of peace officer certification, seconded by Sheriff Pribil, motion carried unanimously.

##### Case #2 – Rachael Bousman – Glendale Police Department

This case was continued to June 19th.

##### Case #3 – Matthew Hedric – Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

This case was continued to August 21st.

##### Case #4 – Deron M. Miller – Goodyear Police Department

The Board considered comments from Assistant A.G. Diana Stabler and Kathryn Baillie, attorney for Deron Miller. Sgt. Andreacola made a motion to adopt the Consent Agreement, Decision and Order and suspend peace officer certification for six months beginning on September 14, 2012 and ending on March 14, 2013, seconded by Sheriff Maschner, motion carried with four nay votes.

##### Case #5 – Irasema Teran – Marana Police Department

This case was continued to August 21st.

Case #6 – Lynsen Gould (Coutts) – Tucson Police Department

*Sgt. Andreacola recused himself from this case.* The Board considered comments from Compliance Manager Bob Irish. Sgt. Nelson made a motion to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and revoke peace officer certification, seconded by Sheriff Mascher, motion carried unanimously.

Case #7 – Christopher P. Motko – AZ Department of Public Safety

The Board considered comments from Compliance Manager Bob Irish. Ms. Berens Weisz made a motion to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and suspend peace officer certification for three months effective May 15, 2013; she then withdrew her motion. Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and revoke peace officer certification, seconded by Sgt. Nelson, motion carried unanimously.

Case #8 – Verlyn D. Walker– Eagar Police Department

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

Case #9 – Francisco Jimenez – Pima County Sheriff's Office

The Board considered comments from Compliance Manager Bob Irish. Sheriff Mascher made a motion to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and revoke peace officer certification, seconded by Professor Stemley, motion carried unanimously.

**I. New Charging Cases:**Case #1 – Derek K. Arnson – Nogales Police Department

*Ms. Berens Weisz recused herself from this case.* The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Ted Brandon. Professor Stemley made a motion to close this case with **No Action**, seconded by Sheriff Mascher, motion carried unanimously.

Case #2 – Anton Coetzee – Quartzsite Police Department

*Sgt. Nelson recused himself from this case.* The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Steve Jacobs. Chief Campbell made a motion to close this case with **No Action**, seconded by Director Olson, motion carried unanimously.

Case #3 – Brian Gentry – Phoenix Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Steve Jacobs. Director Olson made a motion to **Initiate Proceedings**, seconded by Deputy Nelson, motion carried unanimously.

Case #4 – Richard C. Greco – Phoenix Police Department

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

Case #5 – Stacia C. Hill – Phoenix Police Department

*Chief Campbell recused himself from this case.* The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Steve Jacobs. Mr. Brown made a motion to close this case with **No Action**, seconded by Director Olson, motion carried unanimously.

Case #6 – Cheryle Long – Navajo Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Ted Brandon. Sheriff Mascher made a motion to close this case with **No Action**, seconded by Sheriff Pribil, motion carried unanimously.

Case #7 – Victor Lopez – Cochise County Sheriff’s Office

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Mike Deltenre. Sheriff Mascher made a motion to **Initiate Proceedings**, seconded by Mr. Brown, motion carried unanimously.

Case #8 – David A. Lucas – La Paz County Sheriff’s Office

*Sgt. Nelson recused himself from this case.* The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Steve Jacobs. Detention Director Olson made a motion to close this case with **No Action**, seconded by Ms. Berens Weisz, motion carried unanimously.

Case #9 – Anthony P. Mayer – Gila River Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Jeff Kirkham. Mr. Brown made a motion to **Initiate Proceedings**, seconded by Sheriff Maschner, motion carried unanimously.

Case #10 – Courtney M. Mayo – Phoenix Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Steve Jacobs. Mr. Brown made a motion to close this case with **No Action**, seconded by Professor Stemley, motion carried unanimously.

Case #11 – Nathan E. Newell – Flagstaff Police Department

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Gary Maschner. Chief Campbell made a motion to **Initiate Proceedings**, seconded by Professor Stemley, motion carried unanimously.

Case #12 – Paul N. Sansone – AZ Department of Transportation/ECD

The Board considered comments from Compliance Specialist Mike Deltenre. Chief Campbell made a motion to close this case with **No Action**, seconded by Professor Stemley, motion carried unanimously.

**J. Call to the Public**

The following individuals addressed the Board during the Call to the Public to discuss their disagreement with the Board’s decision not to Initiate Proceedings against former Chief Derek Arnson’s certification:

Chelsea Peterson  
James Morales

Toby Indorf  
Elyse Redman

**K. Adjourn**

Acting Chairman Kotsur adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.