

**POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING**

January 13, 2022

**CONNECTICUT POLICE ACADEMY
MERIDEN, CONNECTICUT**

**285 Preston Avenue & Via Zoom
Meriden, CT**

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Council Members Present: Town Administrator Michael Freda; Mr. Michael Lawlor; Chief Keith Mello; Chief Roberto Rosado; Chief Vernon Riddick; Chief James Viadero; Ms. Pamela Mautte; Mr. Jonathan Slifka; Chief Scott Sansom; Chief Paul Melanson; Mr. Douglas Glanville; Mr. Anderson Curtis; Captain Mark Davison; Commissioner James Rovella; Chief Fernando Spagnolo; and Chief State's Attorney Richard Colangelo.

Other Attendees: Academy Administrator Karen Boisvert; Brian Enns, Field Program Consultant.

Council Members Absent: Ms. Caroline Simmons, Mr. David Koscuk, Special Agent- In-Charge David Sundberg, Mr. Iran Nazario; Chief Ronnell Higgins.

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Keith Mello, POST Council Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the Minutes:
 - November 18, 2021, Regular Meeting

Chief Mello requested a motion to accept the Minutes of the November 18, 2021 Regular Meeting as submitted. Motion to accept minutes made by Chief State's Attorney Colangelo; seconded by Captain Davison. Motion carried.

2. Chiefs/Public Comment: None

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Request for Comparative Certification

1. SHAFIQUE, Abdullah – Enfield Police Department
2. OCHOA, David – Wethersfield Police Department
3. VOELTZ, Mark – Bloomfield Police Department
4. MARTINEZ, John – Danbury Police Department

Chief Riddick made a motion to approve the above listed Officer's 1, 2 and 4 and to remove # 3 Mark Voeltz at the request of the Bloomfield Police Department. The request for comparative certification for the (3) three officers to certify was seconded by Chief James Viadero. Motion carried.

Request for Reactivation of Certification

1. MATEUS, Julie – Southern CT State University Police

Chief Riddick made a motion to approve the reactivation Julie Mateus; seconded by Mr. Freda. Motion carried.

Request for Basic Training One-year Probationary Extensions

1. MARINO, Sarah – Hartford Police Department – Injury (November 30, 2022)
2. CYR, Rickey – Connecticut State Police – FTO (March 14, 2022)
3. HANRAHAN, Brian – Connecticut State Police – FTO (March 14, 2022)
4. MORALES, Luis – Connecticut State Police – FTO (March 14, 2022)
5. CAMASSAR, William – Connecticut State Police – FTO (March 14, 2022)
6. WILKINS, Jayqwan – East Haven Police Department – FTO (February 3, 2022)
7. VISCONTI, Sylwia – Cromwell Police Department – Injury (January 3, 2023)
8. LENDOF, Gregory – Connecticut State Police – Illness – FTO (April 14, 2022)

Chief Riddick made a motion to approve the extensions of the officer's listed above (1-8); seconded by Chief Viadero.

Discussion: Mr. Lawlor asked if the FTO stood for some type of Field Training. Chief Mello explained FTO stands for Field Training Officer. All probationary police officers must complete 400hrs of Field Training with a POSTC certified FTO prior to being certified.

Motion carried.

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE -

1. Wallingford Police Department Reaccreditation Tier III
2. Tier 1 Standard Update

Chief Melanson made a motion to award the Wallingford Police Department Tier 3 Reaccreditation; Seconded by Mr. Slifka; Chief Melanson stated the Wallingford Police Department under the command of Chief John Ventura underwent an onsite assessment on November 27, 2021 by a team of state assessors. Wallingford PD was well prepared for the assessment and had few files which required modification. Standard 1.7.7 was found to be non-compliant. However, after the agency was made aware, they took immediate action to correct their policy and bring the standard into compliance.

Motion carried.

Chief Ventura and Deputy Chief De Maio were present at the meeting. Chief Ventura praised and thanked the Wallingford Police Department staff and the assessment team for the success and hard work.

Tier 1 Standard updates. Joseph Race, a member of the POSTC accreditation subcommittee presented updates and changes to the State Tier 1 Accreditation Standards. Chief Paul Melanson made a motion to accept the updates/changes as presented; Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Academy Administrator's Report – written report submitted – no additional information added.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Chief Riddick gave an update on the Social Justice Advisory Committee. A meet and greet was held in December of 2021 to welcome all subcommittee members thanking them for their time and willingness to participate. The committee decided to meet once a month on the last Thursday.

NEW BUSINESS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT – 9:35am

Motioned made by Chief Viadero to adjourn; seconded by Chief State's Attorney Colangelo. Motion carried.

Prepared and submitted by:
Karen Boisvert 3/7/22