



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 21, 2020

Training Academy, 285 Preston Avenue
Meriden, CONNECTICUT

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Council Members Present: Kurt P. Cavanaugh; Chief John F. Daly; 1st Selectman Laura Francis; Town Administrator Michael Freda; Douglas Glanville; Acting Chief State's Attorney Kevin Lawlor; Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Chief Paul Melanson; Chief Keith Mello and Dr. Guy Vallaro

Other Attendees: Police Academy Administrator Karen Boisvert; Compliance Officer/Certification Manager William Tanner; Basic Training Director (Acting) & Accreditation Manager/Compliance Officer Marc Fasano; Holly King, CSP - TA Administrative Staff; Patrice Palombo, POST; Pamela Hayes, CPCA Executive Director, Chief Christopher Arciero, Canton PD; Robert Bessel, 1st Selectman, Canton; Colin Milne, DESPP Staff Attorney

Council Members Absent: Dr. Amy Donahue; Chief Ronnell Higgins; Chief Mark Palmer; State Victim's Advocate Natasha Pierre; Chief Vernon Riddick, Jr.; Patrick Rittmon; Commissioner James Rovella; Special Agent in Charge Brian C. Turner and Chief James Viadero

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Keith Mello, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the Minutes of the November 14, 2019 Regular Meeting
Chief Mello requested a motion to accept the Minutes of November 14, 2019 Meeting as submitted. Motion made by Chief Daly, seconded by Mr. Cavanaugh; Chief Kulhawik and Mr. Lawlor abstained. Minutes accepted.
2. Chiefs/Public Comment

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Request for Comparative Certification

1. Brown, Adam L. – UNH PD (Deputy Chief)
2. Costa, Erik M. – Mashantucket Tribal PD
3. Gelven, Marc I. – Westbrook PD
4. Lewis, Christopher D. – EnCon PD (Colonel)
5. Marino, Brian E. – Seymour PD
6. Stratton, Kevin A. – Shelton PD
7. VanTine, Richard – Shelton PD
8. Vinhais, Carlos A. – Shelton PD

The certification committee recommends the council approve the above certificate requests for Police Officer Certification by way of a Certificate of Comparative Certification subject to State of Connecticut certification/recertification or proof of current certification consistent with training requirements and associated conditions as specified within the contents of the council packet forwarded to each council member in advance of today's meeting; motion made by Mr. Cavanaugh, seconded by Chief Daly. The motion passes.

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

1. Canton PD – Tier I Initial Accreditation

Chief Kulhawik on behalf of the Accreditation Committee makes the motion that the POST Council confer Tier I State Accreditation to the Canton Police Department, seconded by Chief Melanson. The motion passes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Academy Administrator's Report (*Karen Boisvert, Administrator*)
 - a. Increase in Fees (\$2,000 to \$3,800 effective 7/1/2020)
2. Director's Reports (*Marc Fasano, Acting Director of Basic Training*)
 - a. Basic Training
 - b. In-Service/Compliance/State Accreditation (*William Tanner, In-Service, Accreditation Manager/Compliance Officer*)
3. Correspondence

OLD BUSINESS

1. Police Officer Revocations (*Attorney Patrice Palombo*)
 - a. No cases pending from the backlog
 - b. Three new cases presented; current 2 of 3, none proceeding to a hearing

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chief Mello requested to go into Executive Session

Motion made to go into/out of Executive Session by Mr. Cavanaugh, seconded by Chief Melanson. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Physical Ability Standards – Basic Training (Chief Mello)

Motion made for the reimplementation of the Basic Training Physical Fitness Standards in the recruit program to the fiftieth percentile (effective on or after July 1, 2020) by Chief Kulhawik, seconded by Mr. Freda. (Through a count, Chief Daly opposed, everyone else present in favor) Motion passes.

2. Chief Mello ~ Notification to all members present that the Hartford Police Department (Academy) is in session here at the Training Academy until April 10, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Chief Mello moved to adjourn the meeting; motioned by Chief Melanson, seconded by Mr. Larson. Motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Holly L. King
DESPP, Connecticut State Police
Training Academy Secretary