



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy**

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 14, 2020

Via Zoom Platform

**Training Academy, 285 Preston Avenue
Meriden, CONNECTICUT**

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Council Members Present: Kurt P. Cavanaugh; Chief John F. Daly; Dr. Amy Donahue; 1st Selectman Laura Francis; Town Administrator Michael Freda; Douglas Glanville; Chief Ronnell Higgins; Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Chief Paul Melanson; Chief Keith Mello; Chief Mark Palmer; Chief Vernon Riddick, Jr.; Commissioner James Rovella; Dr. Guy Vallaro and Chief James Viadero

Other Attendees: Police Academy Administrator, Karen Boisvert; Basic Training Director, Marc Fasano; Director of Field Services, William Steck; Field Program Consultant, William Tanner; Holly King, CSP - TA Administrative Staff; Patrice Palombo, POST; CPCA Executive Director, Pamela Hayes; Colin Milne, DESPP Staff Attorney; Mario Arriago; Brett Mahoney

Council Members Absent: State Victim's Advocate Natasha Pierre and Patrick Rittmon.

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Keith Mello, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M via Zoom Platform.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 11, 2020 Regular Meeting
Chief Mello requested a motion to accept the Minutes of March 11, 2020 Meeting as submitted. Motion made by Chief Viadero, seconded by Chief Higgins; minutes accepted.
2. Chiefs/Public Comment

Chief Mello requests the council support extension of expiration date to December 31, 2020; *motion made by Chief Riddick, seconded by Chief Melanson. Motion passes.* Depending on the pandemic status, this may have to be revisited per Chief Mello.

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(Under New Business #2 on Agenda)

Chief Mello requests a motion for Utilization of Virtual training for POST credits; *motion made by Chief Viadero, seconded by Chief Palmer. Motion passes.*

Chief Mello congratulates the promotions made to POST Staff: Marc Fasano, Director of Basic Training; William Steck, Director of Field Services; Barbara Fullenwiley, Administrative Assistant

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Request for Comparative Certification

1. Collins, Mackenzie S. – Enfield PD
2. Couto, Jeffrey - Branford PD
3. Graham, Keith J. – Clinton 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.

Basic Training Academy Applications

1. New Haven Police Academy
2. Waterbury Police Academy

The Certification Committee recommends the Council approve the New Haven and Waterbury Police Department applications for Basic Police Officer Recruit Training Academy as outlined with the recommendations numerated in the motions; motion made by Mr. Cavanaugh seconded by Chief Daly. Motion passes.

Extension of Training Requests

Administrator Boisvert requests the council approve the extension of training for Jesse Rivera. He was deployed overseas during his first Basic Training Session with Waterbury Satellite Training Academy, he suffered an injury related to his deployment. April 2020, he was released from light duty and returned back to full duty. The plan is, in May 2020, Rivera begins the New Britain Police Academy, expected to graduate in December 2020. Upon graduation, Rivera will begin his 10 weeks of FTET, complete and receive his police certification around March 2021.

Motion made by Chief Riddick, seconded by Chief Higgins. Motion passes.

Also due to the COVID pandemic, Administrator Boisvert requests an extension of the FTO program of Session 366 (Enfield PD – Officer Christopher Bouchard and Officer Morgan Ledden; Manchester PD – Officer Arthur LaTulippe, Officer Shannon Murphy and Officer Haylee Ouellette) to complete the necessary training to August 31, 2020.

Motion made by Chief Riddick, seconded by Chief Higgins. Motion passes.

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

1. Berlin PD – Tier III Reaccreditation
Chief Kulhawik on behalf of the Accreditation Committee makes the motion that the POST Council award Tier III State Reaccreditation to the Berlin Police Department, seconded by Chief Palmer. The motion passes.
2. Glastonbury PD – Tier III Reaccreditation
Chief Kulhawik on behalf of the Accreditation Committee makes the motion that the POST Council award Tier III State Reaccreditation to the Glastonbury Police Department, seconded by Chief Palmer. The motion passes.
3. CT State Police – Tier III Reaccreditation
Chief Kulhawik on behalf of the Accreditation Committee makes the motion that the POST Council award Tier III State Reaccreditation to the Connecticut State Police, seconded by Chief Palmer. The motion passes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Academy Administrator's Report (*Karen Boisvert, Administrator*) Provided an update on the classes and going forward to minimize group activities
2. Director's Reports
 - a. Basic Training
 - b. In-Service/Compliance/State Accreditation
3. Correspondence

OLD BUSINESS

1. Comparative Certification for Military Police (Tabled from March Meeting)
Motion made to accept Attaching 400 hour Program to be a Comparative Certification by Chief Kulhawik, seconded by Chief Riddick. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lateral Transfers
Per Chief Mello, not voting on this today. Review POSTC 51B Form and other Lateral Certification Forms; Mr. Cavanaugh to have something for September Meeting.
2. Virtual / Zoom In-Service Learning (discussed and voted on at beginning of meeting; went out of order according to agenda listing) Recap from earlier in meeting:
Motion made to approve Virtual Training for POST credits by Chief Viadero, seconded by Chief Palmer. Motion passes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Chief Mello moved to adjourn the meeting; *motioned by Chief Daly, seconded by Mrs. Francis. Motion passes.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



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