



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION**  
**Police Officer Standards and Training Council**  
**Connecticut Police Academy**

Police Officers Standards and Training Council Meeting  
**Thursday, January 12, 2023**  
**9:00 A.M. ZOOM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Council Members Present: Chief Keith Mello, **(Council Chairman)**, Town Administrator Michael Freda, Chief Paul Melanson, Chief Vernon Riddick, Chief Roberto Rosado, Commissioner James Rovella, Jonathan Slifka, Chief Scott Sansom, Mayor Caroline Simmons, Chief Neil Dryfe, Associate Vice President Ronnell Higgins, Lieutenant Ryan Maynard

Council Members Not Present: Iran Nazario, Anderson Curtis, Pamela Mautte, David Sundberg, David Kosciuk, Professor Michael Lawlor, Doug Glanville, Chief States Attorney Patrick Griffin, Chief Fernando Spagnolo

**Other Attendees:** Karen Boisvert, Amie Ledoux, Attorney Colin Milne, Michael Francis, Chief Patrick Ridenhour

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting is called to order at 9:06 am.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of the Minutes for November 10, 2022 Meeting
  - a. Town administrator Michael Freda makes a motion to accept the November minutes. It is seconded by Ronnell Higgins. The motion passes.
2. Chiefs/Public Comment
  - a. Chief Patrick Ridenhour thanks the council for their work and asks about Comparative Certification for Angel Rodriguez. He questions why he needs to complete his training at the academy and why it can't be done through other means.

**CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

**Request for Comparative Certification**

1. RODRIGUEZ, Angel - Danbury Police Department

- a. Chief Higgins makes a motion to move forward with Officer Rodriguez's training be required at a Police Academy. Chief Riddick seconds this motion.
  - b. There is a discussion amongst the council members as to Officer Rodriguez's training completed in the academy and additional training provided during his time as an officer.
  - c. Chief Higgins amends the motion to allow the Chair to make the decision if additional documentation is supplied to change the recommendation, which would solidify in the March 10, 2023 Post Council meeting. This is seconded by Chief Riddick. The motion passes.
2. REVAN, Justyn – Danbury Police Department
  3. PICHARDO, Jeffrey – Danbury Police Department
  4. ORLANSKY, Justin – Danbury Police Department
  5. JARRIN, Kevin – Danbury Police Department
  6. GILLESPIE, William – Danbury Police Department
  7. BROWN, Michael – Danbury Police Department
  8. OSTROSKI, Ryan – Enfield Police Department
  9. CAMPOMINOSI, Timothy – Enfield Police Department
  10. INZITARI, Anthony – Old Saybrook Police Department
  11. TRANIELLO, Anthony – Bloomfield Police Department
  12. JIMENEZ, Delionel – West Hartford Police Department
  13. GRASSO, Nicholas – West Hartford Police Department
  14. CAREW, Gabriel – New London Police Department
  15. AGOGLIA, Nicholas – New Canaan Police Department
  16. LOIACONO, Michael – Southbury Police Department
  17. POSADAS, Tyler – Wilton Police Department
  18. MIANO, Albert – Greenwich Police Department
    - a. Chief Higgins makes a motion to accept the recommendations of the certification committee for candidates 2-18. This motion is seconded by Chief Sansom. The motion passes.

**Request for Reactivation of Certification**

1. BILBAO, Jessica– State Capitol Police Department
2. DZIERZGOWSKI, Andrew – Granby Police Department
  - a. Chief Higgins makes a motion for reactivation of certification for items 1-2 and the recommendation by the certification committee to reactive these certifications. It seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

**Request for Extension- Probationary Candidate Status**

1. CLARKE, Delroy- Bristol Police Department
  - a. Chief Higgins makes a motion for the extension of probationary status. Seconded by Chief Riddick. The motion passes.

**Request for Basic Recruit Training Academy**

1. Connecticut State Police

2. Bridgeport Police Department
  - a. Chief Higgins makes a motion for requests for basic training academies. The committee recommends that Council approves this recommendation. The motion is seconded by Chief Sansom. The motion passes.

#### **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE**

1. East Windsor Tier II, POSTC 5<sup>th</sup> Edition State Accreditation Assessment
  - a. Chief Melanson makes a motion to award Tier II accreditation for the East Windsor PD. Chief Rosado seconds. The motion passes.
2. Torrington Tier I, II, III, POSTC State Accreditation
  - a. Chief Melanson makes a motion to award Tier III accreditation for the Torrington PD. Chief Dryfe seconds. The motion passes.
3. Accreditation Progress Update:
  - a. Ledyard: In Progress
  - b. Deep River: In Progress
  - c. Capital Community Technical College: In Progress
    - Chief Melanson states progress reports are in the packets, and it can be seen how much progress has been made by these departments.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Academy Administrator's Report
  - a. Administrator Boisvert updates the council.
    - i. The crowd control policy is back at POST and the goal is to have a model policy by late summer.
    - ii. POST is working on a form for Hate Crimes and will present the council in the spring.
    - iii. POST is working on tuition assistance for officers.
    - iv. Requirements regarding training for the deaf, hard of hearing and other disabilities are being added to the requirements for basic training.
2. Subcommittee Reports

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Chief Sansom congratulates Commissioner Rovella on his reappointment as Commissioner of DESPP.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

1. The motion was made by Chief Dryfe to adjourn the meeting. The motion is seconded by Mr. Slifka. The meeting adjourns at 9:50 am.
2. Next Council Meeting: March 9, 2023

**Minutes Prepared and Submitted by:**  
Amie Ledoux, Administrative Assistant