

WASHINGTON STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION

19010 1^{st} Avenue South, burien, wa 98148

COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 10 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

De'Sean Quinn (Chair), Councilman, Tukwila Shannon Bendiksen, Assistant Chief, Washington State Patrol Ryan Dreveskracht, Attorney Presiding over Law Enforcement Practices and Accountability Nickeia Hunter, Citizen at Large Katrina Johnson, Citizen at Large Sonia Joseph, Citizen at Large Walter Kendricks, Citizen at Large Bart Logue, Civilian Oversight over Law Enforcement Trishandra Pickup, Citizen at Large Kurtis Robinson, Citizen at Large Ken Roske, Chief (Alternate), Pasco Police Department Penelope Sapp, Chief, Kitsap County Jail Dan Satterberg, Prosecuting Attorney, King County Erik Scairpon, Chief, Marysville Police Department Robert Snaza, Sheriff, Lewis County Mike Webb, Attorney General Designee

WSCJTC STAFF PRESENT:

Monica Alexander, Executive Director Jerrell Wills, Deputy Director Kevin Zeller, Assistant Director Ed Wade, Assistant Director Lacey Ledford, Executive Assistant Bart Hayes, Manager, Advanced Training Division Dave Campbell, Commander, Basic Training Division Christine Rickert, Assistant Commander, Basic Training Division Sean Hendrickson, Manager, Applied Skills Division Megan Saunders, Manager, Communications Mike Devine, Manager, Certifications Division Dusty Pierpoint, Investigator, Certifications Division Valerie Jenkins-Weaver, Program Manager, Certifications Division Alex Buijs, Program Manager, LETCSA Renee Berry, Confidential Secretary Norma Moreno, Confidential Secretary Derek Zable, Records Manager Kayla Wold, Hearings Coordinator Serena Anastasio, Assistant to the Commander, Basic Training Division Antonio Asencio-Pigmon, Administrative Assistant, LETCSA Ethan Swenson, Administrative Assistant, Information Technology Unit

GUESTS PRESENT:

Justin Kato, Assistant Attorney General, WA State Attorney General

OPENING

De'Sean Quinn, Commission Chair

Chair Quinn called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Lacey Ledford conducted a roll call of the Commissioners. A quorum was present.

Chair Quinn announced that this meeting was being hosted on Zoom instead of in-person. **Commissioner Kendricks** inquired regarding whether the Governor would be lifting the emergency meetings allowance. **Chair Quinn** stated that this action would occur sometime in the future but that it has not yet occurred. **Director Alexander** stated that the agency is reviewing potential meeting spaces as the Burien campus can no longer accommodate such a large Commission.

Agenda Update

Chair Quinn announced to the Commission that the agenda item to review LETCSA best practices would be postponed and rescheduled for a special Commission Meeting to commence in October 2022.

Sandy Williams

Chair Quinn acknowledged the passing of Sandy Williams, a powerful and understated individual who was instrumental in the success of the taskforce against deadly force. **Chair Quinn** informed the Commission that Sandy Williams passed on September 4, 2022, when a plane she was a passenger in crashed into the Puget Sound. **Chair Quinn** stated that he served two terms with her with the African American Commission and wanted to recognize her impact on himself, other Commissioners, and the tasks the Commission is set to hold and see to the end.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Quinn called for review and approval of the meeting minutes from the August 31, 2022, Commission Meetings.

Commissioner Scairpon moved to approve the minutes. **Commissioner Kendricks** seconded the motion. <u>The motion passed unanimously.</u>

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Monica Alexander, Executive Director

BLEA Updates

Director Alexander updated the Commission that there are currently nine classes underway: seven BLEA classes in Burien, one COA class, and one Spokane BLEA class.

Staffing Updates

Director Alexander informed the Commission that Commander Dave Campbell would be resigning his position and would be replaced by former BLEA Commander Henry Gill. **Director**

Alexander also announced the resignation of Assistant Director Kevin Zeller and introduced his replacement Ed Wade, the former Assistant Chief of Tacoma Police Department.

Reserve Updates

Director Alexander requested that a presentation regarding current Reserve training be made to the Commission at a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Reserves

Commissioner Joseph reminded the Commission and its staff that there was a resolution adopted at a previous meeting which must be adhered to, a resolution which did not address training but instead directed staff to prepare and advocate for reserve officers to receive certification. **Chair Quinn** acknowledged the resolution and stated that the Commissioners were to receive feedback from staff regarding the reserve officer training process, inquiring about the financial implications of the process and if there are responsibilities to engage with the Governor. **Director Alexander** voiced some concerns regarding placing reserve officers into BLEA as it would certify them as full-time officers instead of reserve officers, stating a need to speak with a policy official.

Commissioner Joseph asked if a difference would be made if reserve officers were not authorized to use firearms. **Director Alexander** expressed the importance to look at why a presentation into the reserve officer training process and their responsibilities. **Chair Quinn** imparted upon the Commission the need to have this discussion and presentation before going to legislation with a plan. **Commissioner Roske** stated a desire to have a history of the reserve officer discussions and to have more conversations on the topic to understand the ultimate vision and how best to get there as a Commission, sharing that his department has stood down the reserve program despite its value to communities. **Commissioner Scairpon** reiterated the need for orientation on the topic of reserve officers, adding that many communities are pivoting toward community service officers, who do not utilize firearms.

Certification Policies

Commissioner Joseph inquired about the status of the four Certification policies requested for review: Penalties and Sanctions, Investigations for Decertification, Hearing Panel Membership, and Notifications for Decertification Hearings Outcomes. **Kayla Wold** stated that these policies have been developed and will be sent out for review following the conclusion of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws: Vice-Chair Vote

Commissioner Logue asked about who the eligible Commissioners were to be nominated based on the updated Bylaws. **Chair Quinn** answered that the eligible Commissioners to serve would be **Commissioners Kelsey**, **Reynon**, **Robinson**, **Sapp**, and **Snaza** with **Commissioner Satterberg** having previously declined the position.

Commissioner Snaza nominated **Commissioner Sapp** for the position of Vice-Chair. **Chair Quinn** asked **Commissioner Sapp** if she would be willing to serve in the position. **Commissioner Sapp** stated that she would be both willing and honored to serve in the position. **Commissioner Pickup** nominated **Commissioner Snaza** for the position of Vice-Chair. **Chair Quinn** asked **Commissioner Snaza** if he would be willing to serve in the position. **Commissioner Snaza** stated he would be willing to serve if **Commissioner Sapp** did not want the position.

Commissioner Snaza moved to approve **Commissioner Sapp** as Vice-Chair. **Commissioner Kendricks** seconded the motion.

Commissioner Pickup moved to approve Commissioner Snaza as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. <u>Commissioner Sapp received 9 votes out</u> of 14.

Corrections WAC 139-10 Final Review

Christine Rickert, Assistant Commander

Christine Rickert presented to the Commission the final changes made to update WAC 139-10, indicating public comment was received and changes adopted based on the comments. **Commissioner Scairpon** expressed his appreciation for the hard work done to update these WACs.

Vice-Chair Sapp moved to approve the WAC as written. Commissioner Dreveskracht seconded the motion. <u>The motion passed unanimously.</u>

K9 Applications

Valerie Jenkins-Weaver, Certification Manager

Valerie Jenkins-Weaver provided the Commissioners with a packet containing K9 evaluator applications for Detective Jason Hunt of the Spokane County Sheriff for a canine evaluator within the Patrol discipline. Chair Quinn inquired about the process involved when an applicant is compliant with all their training but have not yet fulfilled the annual requirement. Director Alexander stated that all officers receive several reminders throughout the year for required training. Commissioner Snaza expressed that email reminders should not have to be sent out to canine evaluator applicants as they need to be diligent in ensuring they are on top of their training as evaluators are critical positions. Director Alexander reminded the Commission that Detective Hunt's training is current. Assistant Chief Bendiksen asked if there were any certification lapses in previous years, stating that staffing issues could be a factor in training delays. Commissioner Scairpon indicated that the attached training report shows 75-hours of training and that courses assigned from the agency are on a multi-year deadline.

Commissioner Scairpon moved to approve the applicant. **Commissioner Snaza** seconded the motion. <u>The motion passed unanimously.</u>

Hearing Panel Applications

Kayla Wold, Hearing Coordinator

Kayla Wold provided the Commissioners with a packet containing the applications for Hearing Panel Members, reminding the newer Commissioners that it is the responsibility of the Commission to approve or deny hearing panel members. Included in these applications are four applicants for members of the public and two members with experience and backgrounds in police accountability.

Commissioner Snaza moved to approve all applicants. **Commissioner Satterberg** seconded the motion. <u>The motion passed unanimously.</u>

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Quinn announced that there would be no executive session. **Chair Quinn** asked if anyone had anything further. Hearing none, he thanked the Commissioners and adjourned the meeting at 11:23 AM.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2022, 10 AM, WSCJTC		
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