



WASHINGTON STATE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION
19010 1ST AVENUE SOUTH, BURIEN, WA 98148

COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, December 14, 2016
10 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Myers (Chair), Chief, Hoquiam Police Department
Bill Elfo (Vice-Chair), Sheriff, Whatcom County
Laura Wells, Citizen-at-Large
Kenneth Hohenberg, Chief, Kennewick Police Department
John Turner, Sheriff, Walla Walla County (telephonically)
Darell Stidham, Deputy, Spokane County Sheriff's Office
Dan Satterberg, Prosecuting Attorney, King County
Richard Morgan, Secretary, Department of Corrections
De'Shaun Quinn, Councilmember, Tukwila City Council
John Hillman, Assist. Attorney General, Attorney General's Office (Commission Advisor)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Gordon Kanz, City Attorney, City of DuPont
Bob Sheehan, Chief, DuPont Police Department
John Dyer, Chief, Lake Stevens Police Department
Mary Swenson, City Administrator, City of Lake Stevens
Larry Holt, Lieutenant, DuPont Police Department
Edward Barnes, Officer, DuPont Police Department
Samuel Hovenden, Detective, Redmond Police Department
Carl Nielsen, Chief, Centralia Police Department

WSCJTC STAFF PRESENT:

Sue Rahr, Executive Director
Marisa O'Neill, Executive Assistant
Rick Bowen, Commander, Basic Training Division
Rex Caldwell, Manager, Operations Division
Samantha Thomson-Daly, Manager, Advanced Training Division
Brian Elliott, Manager, Fiscal Services Unit
Sonja Peterson, Manager, Human Resources Division
Tisha Jones, Manager, Certification Unit

OPENING

Jeff Myers, Commission Chair

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Marisa O'Neill conducted a roll call of the Commissioners. A quorum was present.

The Chair opened the meeting and asked guests to sign in if they chose to be accounted for in the meeting minutes. He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Jeff Myers, Commission Chair

The Chair introduced the Commission's newest appointed member, Mr. De'Sean Quinn, Councilmember, Tukwila City Council. **Commissioner Quinn** provided a quick biography and thanked everyone for welcoming him.

The Chair advised the group, the recording from September's meeting was lost due to a computer failure.

The replacement for the position of County Corrections representative is being vetted by the Governor's Office, and will be appointed very soon.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The Chair called for review and approval of the meeting minutes from September 2016.

Commissioner Hohenberg moved to approve the minutes. **Commissioner Stidham** seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Rahr, Executive Director

Leadership Program Update

Director Rahr shared we are moving ahead with our public/private partnership initiative to help us with leadership training as funding is currently inadequate. She hopes to change the state standard to mandate all go through LPO. Starbucks and Microsoft are both interesting in partnering with us on this project.

Budget Update

Director Rahr gave an update on the 2nd Supplemental Budget. She shared we asked the Governor's Office for 8 additional BLEA classes and 3 additional COA classes in the 2nd fiscal year. We were granted 8 additional BLEA classes and 2 additional COA classes. **Commissioner Wells** asked if the two Spokane Academy classes were included in that number. Director Rahr advised they are.

Director Rahr then updated the Commission on the Biennial Budget. She began working with legislators prior to this session to share CJTC's critical need to raise the base level funding to cover 18 BLEA classes and 8 COA classes per year (36/16 per biennium). There was an idea to raise the base level funding to 14 BLEA classes, plus an additional 4, if locals were to pay 100%. This is the early stages. It isn't believed that will actually occur.

Legislative Use of Deadly Force Task Force Update

Director Rahr, Commissioner Hohenberg, and Commissioner Quinn provided an update on the Use of Deadly Force Task Force. They were in agreement the process went well and while it took a bit to get started all sides felt heard and were validated throughout the process. Split still exists on the legislative language, but the group found

consensus on many of the other items including the need for increased funding for peace officer training.

Academy Wait Times

Director Rahr explained the BLEA wait time is within 45 days. COA sits around 90 days. The wait times will no doubt look short through the end of the year, as is typical. We anticipate hiring rates speeding up just after the first of the year. Continuous monitoring of wait times is taking place and adjustments are made as necessary. We have converted two TAC positions to state employees. Officer Grossfeld, from Seattle PD, and Officer Hicks, from Fife PD will both retire from their agencies this month and begin as full time FTE instructors for CJTC thereafter.

Operations Division Update

Rex Caldwell advised Commissioners we have a very real need to replace and/or supplement our fleet of training vehicles. If anyone knows of any vehicles ready for surplus, they're asked to let us know.

Rex gave an update on the newly developed Blue Courage for Corrections. He advised a Train the Trainer course was received very well.

Rex then provided information relating to changes in the IT Dept. Ron Napenias resigned his position. We are receiving support from WATECH in Olympia while a search for replacement is underway.

Rex shared Facilities Division information on various projects around campus. There was a drainage issue needing repair out front. When addressing those issues we were able to negotiate a price to replace the concrete and reconfigure the plaza a bit. New LED lighting has been installed at the track and in the parking lots. The cost savings have already been tremendous.

NEW BUSINESS

WAC Rule Review

Sonja Peterson, HR Manager

WAC 139-05-915 came up for final action. A review of the WAC language took place. Public testimony was taken. **Detective Hovenden** shared his support of the language as presented. He also requested the workgroup (as is currently set) continue to meet to fine tune any testing standards. **Ret. Detective Fred Helfers** submitted a letter opposing the language in the WAC, however, after reviewing the letter, it was determined his issues related to the policy, not the WAC itself. **Commissioner Elfo** motioned to approve the WAC revision. **Commissioner Hohenberg** seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.** **Commissioner Turner** thanked staff and stakeholders for their help in this process. He shared his appreciation the commission was able to meet the stakeholders' clear request for a state standard and certification for mutual aid and agency protection reasons.

Reserve Certification Workgroup Update

On hold. **ACTION:** item remained as Old Business with acknowledgement that the commission wishes to work toward reserve certification. **Commissioner Hohenberg** wanted it noted that the Certification/De-certification process is a good and solid one. Applying that to Reserves is something he whole-heartedly supports.

Variance Requests

Tisha Jones, Certification Manager

Tisha Jones presented a variance request for Chief John Dyer of the Lake Stevens Police Department. Chief Dyer and City Administrator, Mary Swenson were both present. Chief Dyer had a 49 month break in service from WA. Commissioners reviewed the packet before them as well as the Variance Request Log. The variance request died due to lack of motion.

Tisha Jones presented a variance request for Officer Edward Barnes of the DuPont Police Department. Chief Sheehan and Mr. Kay, City Attorney were both present. Barnes had a greater than 60 month break in service from WA, however during that time he was enforcing WA state law on Joint Base Lewis McChord. **Commissioner Wells** wanted the answer to her question "were the duties similar in nature?" recorded clearly in the minutes as she is serving on behalf of the citizens of the state of Washington. She feels it is paramount that their interests be served. The answer by Barnes, his Chief, and the City Attorney was a resounding, yes. "In fact, JBLM wished to send their officers to CJTC, but the money was an issue, so they had to have a federal commission instead of a state one. Additionally, Barnes served as backup to both city and county officers and deputies near JBLM." Commissioners reviewed the packet before them as well as the Variance Request Log. **Commissioner Stidham** moved to approve the variance. **Commissioner Wells** seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.** Barnes will attend the Basic Law Enforcement Equivalency Academy.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Chair noted the year coming to a close and asked for nominations for replacements in the Chair and Vice Chair positions. **Commissioner Elfo** moved to reappoint Chief Myers as Chair. **Commissioner Stidham** seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.** **Commissioner Hohenberg** moved to reappoint Sheriff Elfo as Vice-chair. **Commissioner Stidham** seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

Next Meeting: March 8, 2017, 10 AM, WSCJTC

Written by:	 _____ Marisa O'Neill, Executive Assistant	08/08/17 Date
Reviewed by:	 _____ Susan L. Rahr, Executive Director	3/08/17 Date
Approved by:	 _____ Jeff Myers, Commission Chair	03/08/17 Date