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Approved Minutes

**Special Meeting
(March 4, 2014)**

A special meeting pursuant to New Hampshire Administrative Rule Pol 402.02(b) and RSA 541-A:30, III, the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Vice-Chairman William L. Wrenn, Jr., in classroom one at the Arthur D. Kehas Law Enforcement Training Facility and Campus in Concord, New Hampshire.

Members Present: Commissioner William Wrenn, Jr., (Vice Chairman) New Hampshire Department of Corrections; Attorney General Joseph Foster, Sheriff David Dubois, Strafford County Sheriff's Department; Chief Peter Morency, Berlin Police Department; Chief James Sullivan, Hampton Police Department; Major Russell Conte, New Hampshire State Police; Chief Anthony Colarusso, Dover Police Department; Chief David Cahill, Sunapee Police Department; Vice Chancellor Ronald Rioux, Community College System of New Hampshire.

Member Absent: Sheriff Michael Prozzo, Jr., (Chairman) Sullivan County Sheriff's Department; Judge Sawako Gardner, 10th Circuit District Division, Portsmouth and Judge James Carroll, 4th Circuit District Division, Laconia.

Staff Present: Director Donald Vittum, Chief Timothy Merrill (Ret.), Captain Mark Bodanza and Program Assistant Loralee Ames.

Guests Present: Deputy Chief Kathleen Jones, Plaistow Police Department; Chief Eddie Edwards, South Hampton Police Department; and Celeste Quimby, Bragan Reporting Associates.

Review of Council Agenda

Vice Chairman Wrenn outlined the agenda items; they were personnel issues, each item would be heard in non-public session. He explained that the hearings are pursuant to Pol 402.02(b) which reads:

(b) A certification shall be temporarily suspended pending resolution of criminal charges if the officer has been arrested, indicted or bound over either prior to or after certification for a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude or of a crime which tends to bring discredit on the police, corrections, or probation/parole service, unless the safety of the public or the confidence in the criminal justice system would not be adversely affected.

Donald A. Frost, South Hampton and East Kingston Police Departments

Motion by Chief Sullivan and seconded by Chief Cahill to enter into non-public session. The Council vote on this item was unanimous in favor, 9-0.

At 10:13 a.m. Council entered into non-public session.

At 10:33 a.m. **Motion** by Chief Cahill and seconded by Chief Sullivan to seal the minutes of the non-public session. The Council vote was unanimous in favor, 9-0.

At 10:34 a.m. **Motion** by Chief Cahill and seconded by Chief Sullivan to exit the non-public session, vote was unanimous in favor, 9-0.

Motion by Sheriff Dubois to suspend the certification pursuant to 402.02(b) as there has been clear evidence that an arrest has been made which meets the rule and it has not been shown that the criminal justice system would not be adversely affected.

The motion was seconded by Chief Cahill. Council members voted unanimously in favor of the motion, 9-0.

Chief Merrill (ret) raised the question of whether or not the suspension is until disposition of the court and if another hearing would be required.

Motion by Chief Morency to continue the suspension until the individual is brought back before this Council to be heard on the matter and for the Council to take whatever action deems necessary at that time. The motion was seconded by Chief Sullivan. Council members voted unanimously in favor of the motion, 9-0.

George A. Wickson, IV, Plaistow Police and Rockingham County Sheriff's Departments

At 10:40 a.m. **Motion** by Chief Sullivan and seconded by Chief Colarusso to enter a non-public session for a personnel matter. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, 9-0.

At 11:09 a.m. **Motion** by Chief Cahill and seconded by Chief Colarusso to seal the minutes of the non-public session. The Council vote was unanimously in favor of the motion 9-0.

At 11:10 a.m. **Motion** by Sheriff Dubois and seconded by Chief Cahill to exit the non-public session, the roll call vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, 9-0.

Motion by Chief Sullivan to suspend the certification pending the resolution of the criminal charges and have the officer come back before the Council prior to restoration after the conclusion of those charges.

Question was raised by Vice-Chairman Wrenn if the motion was based on the fact that we feel an issue with the safety of the public and confidence in the criminal justice

system would be adversely affected if we do not take any further action? Chief Sullivan said that it was.

Motion was seconded by Attorney General Foster. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, 9-0.

Chief Sullivan is recusing himself from the next hearing.

Brad W. Zarba, Hampton Police Department

At 11:12 a.m. **Motion** by Attorney General Foster to enter into non-public session and seconded by Chief Morency. The Council vote was 8-0 in favor of the motion.

At 11:17 a.m. **Motion** by Chief Colarusso and seconded by Chief Morency to seal the minutes of the non-public session. The Council vote was 8-0 in favor of the motion.

At 11:19 a.m. **Motion** by Chief Cahill and seconded by Chief Morency to exit the non-public session. The Council voice vote was 8-0 in favor of the motion.

Motion by Sheriff Dubois violation of 402.02(b) suspend pending resolution of the matter as it has not been shown that there is confidence in the criminal justice system about the adversely effects. Motion was seconded by Chief Cahill.

Vice-Chairman Wrenn verified that the intent of the motion was that the suspension continues until the Council has the opportunity to bring that person before them to have a hearing on this matter.

Council members voted 8-0 in favor of the motion.

At 11:22 a.m. **Motion** by Chief Cahill and seconded by Chief Sullivan to enter into non-public session to discuss a personnel matter.

(The Council members entered into a non-public session to discuss a personnel matter and minutes were taken by Sheriff Dubois.)

The Council adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Vice Chairman William L. Wrenn, Jr.