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The 481st meeting of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chairman David Cahill in classroom one at the Arthur D. Kehas Law Enforcement Training Facility and Campus in Concord, New Hampshire.

Members Present: Chairman, Chief David Cahill, Sunapee Police Department, Chief Enoch Willard, Manchester Police Department, Sheriff, David Dubois, Strafford County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Douglas Dutile, Grafton County Sheriff's Office, Colonel Christopher Wagner, New Hampshire State Police, William L. Wrenn, Jr., Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Corrections, Judge Sawako Gardner, 10th Circuit-District Division – Portsmouth, Attorney General Gordon MacDonald; Dr. Ekaterina Hurst and Debra Noyes.

Members Absent: Judge James Carroll, 4th Circuit – District Division - Laconia, Vice Chairman Chief William Hart, Londonderry Police Department, and Susan Dunton, Community College System of New Hampshire.

Staff Present: Chief Timothy Merrill, Captain Benjamin Jean, Anne Paquin, Investigative Paralegal, and Charlene Mains, Program Assistant II.

Guests Present: Captain Brent Wilmot, Trevor Dickerman and Investigator Richard Tracy.

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Cahill called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made to accept the Minutes of the June 27, 2017 Council meeting by Sheriff Dutile. Following a second by Sheriff Dubois, the voice vote was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Director's Report

Chief Merrill spoke and stated that there are 76 recruits enrolled in the Full-Time Academy, as well as 13 Law Package and two probation/parole officers. There are 29 applicants for the upcoming Part-Time Academy, plus one Law Package. As of last week, six are enrolled in the Corrections Academy.

Financial Report

Captain Jean reported that the software quote for the upcoming planning session, which is

scheduled for September 26th, was \$36,000, and an alternative was found for \$270.00 that will work with the hardware currently in place. Captain Jean requested that Council members provide two names of individuals they would like to attend the planning session by August 1st. He reported that the budget is intact. The driving simulator is at PSTC and being installed, offering staff to create scenarios which will eliminate down time when recruits are broken into groups. The roof has been completed and the capital budget has been approved. The parking lots will be ripped up and completely redone beginning next spring, which will cause some disruption. Interviews are being conducted the week of August 1st due to the vacancy left when Captain Bodanza accepted a new position with another agency.

Previous/Unfinished Business

Chairman Cahill stated that Chief Colarusso and Judge Carroll will be resigning as members of the Council and thanked them for their service. There is a meeting with the Governor and Chief Hart in the near future regarding filling the positions.

New Business

Chief Merrill stated that there is going to be a change in the Academy curriculum with the addition of a two hour class dealing with human trafficking. There is currently a four hour class on computer-related crimes on the Academy curriculum, which goes beyond what the recruits need. As a certain number of hours are required, two of those hours will be taken away and devoted to human trafficking.

Motion made to approve the change in curriculum made by Sheriff Dubois. Following a second by Ms. Noyes, the voice vote was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Claremont Police Department

Captain Brent Wilmot introduced himself and Trevor Dickerman.

Chief Cahill inquired whether they would like a public or non-public hearing, and Captain Wilmot indicated non-public.

Motion made at 9:16 a.m. by Sheriff Dubois to enter non-public session regarding a personnel matter under RSA 91-A:3, II(c). Following a second by Chief Colarusso, a roll call vote was taken and was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Motion to exit non-public session at 9:23 a.m. under RSA 91-A:III, (2)(c), personnel matter, by Chief Colarusso Following a second by Sheriff Dutile, a roll call vote was taken and was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session under RSA 91-A:III, (2)(c), personnel matter, by Judge Gardner. Following a second by Commissioner Wrenn, the voice vote was taken and was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Motion to grant the waiver as requested by the Claremont Police Department by Sheriff Dubois. Following a second by Chief Colarusso, the voice vote was taken and was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Consent Calendar

PT&E Requests

Robert J. Sullivan, Attorney General's (DOH: 06/16/17) will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test and the Law Package of the Full-Time Police Officer Academy.

Jacob D. Nance, Rochester Police Department (DOH: 00/00/00) will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test and the Law Package of the Full-Time Police Officer Academy.

Kevin Barone, New Hampshire State Police (DOH: 08/04/17) will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test and the Law Package of the Full-Time Police Officer Academy.

John M. Blake, Weare Police Department (DOH: 06/19/17) will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test and the Law Package of the Full-Time Police Officer Academy.

Thomas Clement, Amherst Police Department (DOH 7/17/17) will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, and the Law Package of the Full-Time Police Officer Academy.

Phillip Valliant, Lyndeborough Police Department (DOH 6/26/17) certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, and the Law Package of the Full-Time Police Officer Academy.

Requests for Extensions

Note: Extensions granted until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested Academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested Academy.

Shawn Despasquale, Rollinsford Police Department (DOH: 04/30/17 **Not Part-time certified**) was granted an extension through the end of the 174th Full-Time Police Officer Academy and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 174th Academy and may not work in the direct presence of a certified officer until the preservice training under Pol 302.02 is met and documented.

Joshua Flynn, Litchfield Police Department (DOH: 05/22/17 **Part-time certified**) was granted an extension through the end of the 174th Full-Time Police Officer Academy and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 174th Academy.

Roman Bastek, NH State Fire Marshal (DOH: 06/09/17 **Not Part-time certified**) was granted an extension through the end of the 174th Full-Time Police Officer Academy and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 174th Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Brendan Bosquet, Winchester Police Department (DOH: 05/28/17 **Part-time certified**) was granted an extension through the end of the 174th Full-Time Police Officer Academy and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 174th Academy.

Eric Cooper, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (DOH: 04/17/17 **Not Part-time certified**) was granted an extension through the end of the 174th Full-Time Police Officer Academy and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 174th Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Zachary Schucart, Goffstown Police Department (DOH: 06/05/17 **Not Part-time certified**) was granted an extension through the end of the 174th Full-Time Police Officer Academy and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 174th Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Justin Hyland, Peterborough Police Department (DOH: 06/07/17 **Not Part-time certified**) was granted an extension through the end of the 174th Full-Time Police Officer Academy and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 174th Academy and may not work in the direct presence of a certified officer until the preservice training under Pol 302.02 is met and documented.

Arthur Harvey, Full Time Keene Police Department (DOH: 06/05/17 **Not Part-time certified**) was granted an extension through the end of the 174th Full-Time Police Officer Academy and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 174th Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Kyle Reynolds, Full Time Atkinson Police Department (DOH: 00/00/00 **Not Part-time certified**) was granted an extension through the end of the 174th Full-Time Police Officer Academy and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 174th Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Kyle Dawson, Part Time Charlestown Police Department (DOH: 11/09/17) was granted an extension through the end of the 274th Part Time Academy and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 274th Part Time Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Medical Extensions for fitness testing were granted to the following:

Christine Maille

Michael Beaton

Ryan Hickey

Edward Conley

Scott Knox

End of Consent Calendar

Motion by Commissioner Wrenn to approve the Consent Calendar to include Addendums 1, Kevin Fay, Marlow Police Department, request for extension and Addendum 3, Robert M. Merner, Portsmouth Police Department, request for prior training and experience certification.. Following a second from Sheriff Dutile, the voice vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Addendum #2 – James Kinney

Chief Merrill stated that the Attorney General's Office wants to hire Mr. Kinney, a former Manchester police officer. After review, Mr. Kinney has been out of law enforcement employment for over six years; Council guidelines state he would need to attend the Full-Time Academy. Attorney General MacDonald would like him to only take the Law Package classes. Investigator Dick Tracy introduced himself and spoke on behalf of the Attorney General. He stated that Mr. Kinney had been a Manchester police officer for 26 years. During the first week of July, the Attorney General's office was informed they could hire an election investigator. Attorney General MacDonald made election fraud one of his priorities when he took office. James Kinney has worked four plus years for the Diocese of Manchester investigating fraud and several matters involving priests, and has handled many investigations, and has worked closely with Attorney General MacDonald. He has a very upstanding reputation. A background investigation was begun in mid-July, and thus far there is nothing to prevent the Attorney General's Office moving forward with the hiring process, they would like to have him start in the beginning of August.

Motion by Chief Willard to waive the requirement to attend Full-Time Academy but must pass the medical requirements and fitness test, and continue to participate in ongoing three-year fitness testing as required by statute. Following a second from Sheriff Dubois, the voice vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Attorney General MacDonald joined the Council meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Academy Extensions

Chief Merrill stated that the majority of requests for extensions are due to not completing an academy within six months from the date of hire. Chief Merrill indicated it would make more sense if the Director could approve routine extension requests due to the hiring date being too close to the end of the Academy. The usual course of action is that extensions are granted. The requests could be delegated to the Director for approval without having to go through Council.

Motion to have Director approve routine extension requests by Sheriff Dubois. Following a second from Sheriff Dutile, the voice vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Attorney General MacDonald expressed his gratitude for Council's vote regarding Mr. Kinney, who he called an exceptionally skilled investigator and someone he wanted to have in his office.

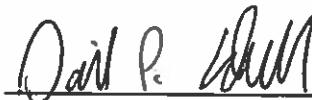
Chief Cahill relayed a thank you from the New Hampshire Chiefs Association for the Academy allowing cadets to use the facility during the week they were at NHTI.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council will be held on August 22, 2017.

Motion by Chief Colarusso to adjourn. Following a second by Sheriff Dubois, the voice vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the Motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman, Chief David Cahill