

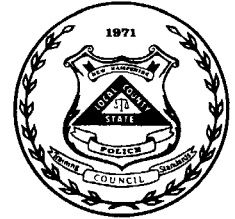


Sheriff Christopher D. Connelly
Chairman

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John V. Scippa
Director

PUBLIC MINUTES

Police Standards and Training Council

April 27, 2021

Present at PSTC with below listed staff:
Chairman, Sheriff Chris Connelly, Hillsborough County
Mr. Edward Lecius
Dr. Maureen Sullivan
Judge Melissa Countway 3rd Circuit District Division, Ossipee
Sheriff Massahos, Rockingham County Sheriff's Office
Commissioner Helen Hanks, New Hampshire Department of Corrections

Present by Zoom:
Judge Sawako Gardner, Circuit Court Judge
Major Michael Commerford, (for Colonel Noyes) New Hampshire State Police
Chief Michael Carignan, Nashua Police Department
Chief Ho-Sing-Loy, Sugar Hill Police Department
Attorney General John Formella
Chief Steven Russo, Keene Police Department

Not in attendance: Jason Bishop, Community College System of New Hampshire

Staff Present: Director John Scippa, Major David Parenteau, (Ret.), Lt. Adam Hawkins, and Anne Paquin, Investigative Paralegal at PSTC in classroom two.

Guests Present: Chief Paul Poirier, Barnstead Police Department, Lt. Scott Towers, New Hampshire Department of Corrections with Miguel Sanchez

Guests Present by Zoom: Chief Timothy Julian, Chief John Parsons

Chairman Connelly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to approve the March 23, 2021 Council meeting minutes by Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Judge Countway.

Chairman Connelly took the roll call vote:

Sheriff Massahos	yes
Chief Ho-Sing-Loy	yes
Judge Countway	yes
Judge Gardner	yes
Chief Carignan	yes
Chief Russo	yes
Dr. Sullivan	yes
Mr. Lecius	yes
AG Formella	yes
Major Commerford	yes
Commissioner Hanks	yes
Chairman, Sheriff Connelly	yes

The motion passed.

Director's Report

Director Scippa summarized his report, which he had previously provided by email to the Council members, copy attached.

Motion to approve the Director's Report by Mr. Lecius, the motion was seconded by Judge Gardner.

Chairman Connelly took the roll call vote:

Sheriff Massahos	yes
Chief Ho-Sing-Loy	yes
Judge Countway	yes
Judge Gardner	yes
Chief Carignan	yes
Chief Russo	yes
Dr. Sullivan	yes
Mr. Lecius	yes
AG Formella	yes
Major Commerford	yes
Commissioner Hanks	yes
Chairman, Sheriff Connelly	yes

The motion passed.

Financial Report

Major Parenteau provided an update about the refunds for the psychological testing of officer candidates for New Hampshire agencies.

Motion to accept the Financial Report by Judge Gardner, seconded by Chief Carignan.

Chairman Connelly took the roll call vote:

Sheriff Massahos	yes
Chief Ho-Sing-Loy	yes
Judge Countway	yes
Judge Gardner	yes
Chief Carignan	yes
Chief Russo	yes
Dr. Sullivan	yes
Mr. Lecius	yes
AG Formella	yes
Major Commerford	yes
Commissioner Hanks	yes
Chairman, Sheriff Connelly	yes

The motion passed.

Previously Unfinished Business

Chief Timothy Julian, Springfield Police Department

Major Parenteau explained that Chief Julian had been given a temporary suspension of his certification from the Council last year due to an arrest on August 24, 2020 for Domestic Violence, Simple Assault. Chief Julian contacted staff at Police Standards and Training Council on April 13, 2021 when the charges were nol prossed. Staff received verification of the nol pross from the Claremont District Court.

Motion by Mr. Lecius, seconded by Sheriff Massahos, to reinstate Chief Timothy Julian's police certification.

Chairman Connelly took the roll call vote:

Sheriff Massahos	yes
Chief Ho-Sing-Loy	yes
Judge Countway	yes
Judge Gardner	yes
Chief Carignan	yes
Chief Russo	yes
Dr. Sullivan	yes
Mr. Lecius	yes
AG Formella	yes
Major Commerford	yes

Commissioner Hanks yes
Chairman, Sheriff Connelly yes

The motion passed.

New Business

Chief Russell Poitras, Grafton Police Department

Chief Poitras submitted a written request for an extension of his firearm's instructor certification due to an injury, included in the request was a letter from his medical practitioner.

Motion by Mr. Lecius, seconded by Chief Ho-Sing-Loy to approve the request for extension of firearm's instructor certification.

Chairman Connelly took the roll call vote:

Sheriff Massahos yes
Chief Ho-Sing-Loy yes
Judge Countway yes
Judge Gardner yes
Chief Carignan yes
Chief Russo yes
Dr. Sullivan yes
Mr. Lecius yes
AG Formella yes
Major Commerford yes
Commissioner Hanks yes
Chairman, Sheriff Connelly yes

The motion passed.

Matthew Kelly, Brentwood Police Department

Chief Daniel Wicks requested permission for Matthew Kelly, his agency's full time officer candidate, to skip over the next academy to enable Officer Kelly to continue working over the summer months due to scheduling issues in the agency.

Motion to approve an extension for Matthew Kelly of Brentwood Police Department skipping the 185th Academy to accommodate his agency, to the end of the 186th full time academy.

Chairman Connelly took the roll call vote:

Sheriff Massahos yes
Chief Ho-Sing-Loy yes
Judge Countway yes
Judge Gardner yes

Chief Carignan	yes
Chief Russo	yes
Dr. Sullivan	yes
Mr. Lecius	yes
AG Formella	yes
Major Commerford	yes
Commissioner Hanks	yes
Chairman, Sheriff Connelly	yes

The motion passed.

Chief Paul Poirier, Barnstead Police Department Pol 301.05 (g)(1)(b)

Chief Poirier requested a non public session.

Motion by Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Lecius to begin a nonpublic session citing RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board.

Chairman Connelly took the roll call vote:

Sheriff Massahos	yes
Chief Ho-Sing-Loy	yes
Judge Countway	yes
Judge Gardner	yes
Chief Carignan	yes
Chief Russo	yes
Dr. Sullivan	yes
Mr. Lecius	yes
AG Formella	yes
Major Commerford	yes
Commissioner Hanks	yes
Chairman, Sheriff Connelly	yes

The motion passed.

** Chief Carignan was not able to log in for the nonpublic session.

At 9:45 a.m. the Council began a nonpublic session.

10:36 a.m. Council members recessed

10:42 a.m. the nonpublic session reconvened

Motion by Mr. Lecius, seconded by Commissioner Hanks to exit the nonpublic session, and seal the minutes of the nonpublic session, citing, it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.

Chairman Connelly took the roll call vote:

Sheriff Massahos	yes
Chief Ho-Sing-Loy	yes
Judge Countway	yes
Judge Gardner	yes
Chief Russo	yes
Dr. Sullivan	yes
Mr. Lecius	yes
AG Formella	yes
Major Commerford	yes
Commissioner Hanks	yes
Chairman, Sheriff Connelly	yes

The motion passed.

10:50 a.m. Public session

Regarding Chief Paul Poirier, the motion that was made during the nonpublic session was:

Motion by Sheriff Massahos, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to take no action on Chief Paul Poirier's certification.

Chairman Connelly took the roll call vote:

Sheriff Massahos	yes
Chief Ho-Sing-Loy	yes
Judge Countway	yes
Judge Gardner	yes
Chief Russo	yes
Dr. Sullivan	yes
Mr. Lecius	yes
AG Formella	yes
Major Commerford	yes
Commissioner Hanks	yes
Chairman, Sheriff Connelly	yes

The motion passed.

Richard Valenti, Jr., Manchester Police Department

The hearing regarding Richard Valenti, Jr. that had also been scheduled for this meeting date. Chairman Connelly had accepted a request for continuance, and also scheduled an informal conference in the matter for May 10th.

Consent Calendar

PT&E Requests

Officer McKayla Fowler, Durham Police Department

(DOH: 04/26/21) Will be granted consideration for full-time police officer certification based on prior training.

Officer Deric Maddaleni, Manchester Police Department

(DOH: 03/29/21) Will be granted consideration for full-time police officer certification based on prior training and experience.

Officer Mark Schmidt, Manchester Police Department

(DOH: 03/29/21) Will be granted consideration for full-time police officer certification based on prior training and experience.

Officer Justin Seckendorf, New Durham Police Department

(DOH: 03/22/21) Will be granted consideration for full-time police officer certification based on prior training and experience.

Officer Shannon Wilcox, Merrimack Police Department

(DOH: 02/14/21) Will be granted consideration for full-time police officer certification based on prior training and experience.

Officer James L. Caldwell, III Portsmouth Police Department

(DOH: 04/05/21) Will be granted consideration for part-time police officer certification based on prior training and experience.

Officer Thomas R. McSweeney, Concord Police Department

(DOH: 03/28/21) Will be granted consideration for full time police officer certification based on prior training and experience.

Officer William Baldwin, Danville Police Department

(DOH: 03/19/21) Will be granted consideration for full time police officer certification based on prior training and experience.

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.

Tabitha Dirienzo, Troy Police Department

Will be granted an extension through June 23, 2021 to meet the required 30/60 day retest schedule.

*Full Time Academy

Class Number	184	185	186
Dates	01/04/21 – 04/23/2021	05/03/21-08/20/21	08/30/21-12/17/21
Paperwork Submission Deadline *	12/07/2020	04/05/21	08/21/2021
Fitness Test Date	12/21/2020	04/19/2021	08/16/2021

* All paperwork must be received by the submission deadline, which is before 4:30 PM close of business. Class size is limited to 67 students. The attendees will be determined after successful completion of the Entrance Fitness Test, based on the received order of the completed applications.

****Part Time Academy**

Class Number	280	281
Dates	01/23/2021 – 05/21/2021	07/24/2021-11-19/2021
Paperwork Submission Deadline *	01/02/2021	06/26/2021
Fitness Test Date	01/16/2021	07/10/2021

****Corrections Academy**

Class Number	115	116
Dates	5/10/2021-7/16/2021	09/07/2021-11/12/2021
Paperwork Submission Deadline *	04/12/2020	08/09/21
Fitness Test Date	04/26/2021	08/23/21

**All paperwork must be received by the submission deadline, which is before 4:30 PM close of business. Class size may be limited. If so, the attendees will be determined after successful completion of the Entrance Fitness Test, based on the received order of the completed applications.

End of Consent Calendar

Motion to accept the Consent Calendar by Commissioner Hanks, seconded by Sheriff Massahos.

Chairman Connelly took the roll call vote:

Sheriff Massahos	yes
Chief Ho-Sing-Loy	yes
Judge Countway	yes

Judge Gardner	yes
Chief Carignan	yes
Chief Russo	yes
Dr. Sullivan	yes
Mr. Lecius	yes
AG Formella	yes
Major Commerford	yes
Commissioner Hanks	yes
Chairman, Sheriff Connelly	yes

The motion passed.

Miguel Sanchez, New Hampshire Department of Corrections

I.t. Scott Towers presented a request for the New Hampshire Department of Corrections. Miguel Sanchez, correction's officer in training, was unable to pass two classes from the 114th Correction's Officer Academy, and the agency was requesting the Council to allow him to work under direct supervision of a certified correction's officer, and for additional time to study and successfully pass the exams.

Motion by Mr. Lecius, seconded by Judge Countway to grant the request of the New Hampshire Department of Corrections, allowing Miguel Sanchez to continue to work under direct supervision and additional time to study and pass the exams.

Chairman Connelly took the roll call vote:

Sheriff Massahos	yes
Chief Ho-Sing-Loy	yes
Judge Countway	yes
Judge Gardner	yes
Chief Carignan	yes
Chief Russo	yes
Dr. Sullivan	yes
Mr. Lecius	yes
AG Formella	yes
Major Commerford	yes
Commissioner Hanks	abstained
Chairman, Sheriff Connelly	yes

The motion passed.

Personnel Matter

Motion to initiate a nonpublic session to discuss personnel matters, RSA 91-A:3, II(a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee by Sheriff Connelly, seconded by Mr. Lecius.

Chairman Connelly took the roll call vote:

Sheriff Massahos	yes
Chief Ho-Sing-Loy	yes
Judge Countway	yes
Judge Gardner	yes
Chief Carignan	yes
Chief Russo	yes
Dr. Sullivan	yes
Mr. Lecius	yes
AG Formella	yes
Major Commerford	yes
Commissioner Hanks	yes
Chairman, Sheriff Connelly	yes

The motion passed.

11:00 PSTC staff exited, the Council began a nonpublic session.

11: 15 Motion to adjourn by Mr. Lecius, seconded by Commissioner Hanks

Chairman Connelly took the roll call vote:

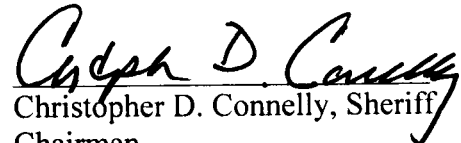
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Chief Carignan	yes
Chief Russo	yes
Dr. Sullivan	yes
Mr. Lecius	yes
AG Formella	yes
Major Commerford	yes
Commissioner Hanks	yes
Chairman, Sheriff Connelly	yes

The motion passed.

The next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

May 25, 2021

Respectfully Submitted


Christopher D. Connelly, Sheriff
Chairman