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Emergency Police Standards and Training Council Meeting September 17, 2021 Michael Pelletier

An emergency meeting was convened using Zoom technology on Friday September 17, 2021. The meeting was scheduled for 12:00 pm and began after a 'nonmeeting' with PSTC's counsel from the Attorney General's Office, Stacie Moeser at 12:30.

Chairman Connelly announced that the emergency meeting had been arranged for the Council to take action on the certification of New Hampshire State Trooper Michael Pelletier who was arrested for a serious crime.

Chairman, Sheriff Christopher Connelly took the roll call vote when the meeting began, he asked that each member announce where they were and if they were alone.

Judge Countway; alone in chambers
Dr. Sullivan; alone in Plymouth, Massachusetts
Mr. Lecius; alone at home
Mr. Bishop; alone at his office
Judge Gardner; alone at home
Colonel Noyes; alone at his office
Deputy Attorney General Young; alone at her office
Vice Chair, Commissioner Hanks; alone at her office
Chief Carignan; alone at home
Chairman, Sheriff Connelly; alone at his office

Staff Present by Zoom: Director John Scippa, Assistant Director Max Schultz, Major David Parenteau (ret.), Lieutenant Adam Hawkins, and Anne Paquin Investigative Paralegal.

Guests Present by Zoom: Assistant Attorney General Stacie Moeser, PSTC counsel

Chairman Connelly asked Major David Parenteau to present the information to the Council. Major Parenteau noted that the reason the meeting was called concerned administrative rule Pol 402.02 (b), which he read into the record.

“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 council, in its discretion, determines that the safety of the public or the confidence in the criminal justice system would not be adversely affected.”

Chairman, Sheriff Christopher Connelly recused himself from the vote in this matter and turned the meeting over the Vice Chair, Commissioner Helen Hanks.

Vice Chair, Commissioner Hanks asked if there were additional recusals.

Deputy Attorney General Jane Young, Chief Michael Carignan, and Colonel Nathan Noyes recused themselves from voting on the matter.

Vice Chair, Commissioner Hanks noted that the arrest and bail information on Michael Pelletier was public, and asked if any of the Council members were requesting a nonpublic session.

The meeting proceeded in public session.

Major Parenteau summarized, the complaint before the Council is a Class B Felony, it alleges that Michael J. Pelletier, on or about July 6th through August 30, 2021 did commit the offense of computer pornography prohibited contrary to RSA 649-B:3.

The complaint was filed in the Hillsborough County Superior Court – Southern District, Nashua, NH.

Major Parenteau noted that he had received a PSTC Form G, report of arrest, from New Hampshire State Police Colonel Noyes indicating that Michael Pelletier had been arrested by the Nashua Police Department on September 14, 2021. As a result of the arrest, bail conditions were provided. Michael Pelletier was released on \$250 cash bail, he was not to have contact directly, indirectly or through a third party, or unsupervised with any child under the age of 16 except immediate family members. He shall not possess a firearm, destructive device, dangerous weapon or ammunition, shall not consume an excessive amount of alcohol or use any narcotic drug or controlled substance as defined in RSA 318-B.

Vice Chair, Commissioner Hanks reviewed the reason for the emergency meeting, that Police Standards and Training Council met due to the provisions of RSA 541-A:30, III, “If the agency finds that the public health, safety or welfare requires emergency action and incorporates a finding to that effect in it’s order, immediate suspension of a license may be ordered, pending an adjudicatory proceeding”.

Today, Police Standards and Training Council reported a violation of Pol 402.02 (b).

Motion by Mr. Lecius, seconded by Judge Countway, to suspend the certification of Michael Pelletier according to Pol 402.02.

Vice Chair, Commissioner Hanks took the roll call vote:

Dr. Sullivan yes

Judge Gardner yes

Mr. Bishop yes

Vice Chair, Commission Hanks voted yes

The motion passed.

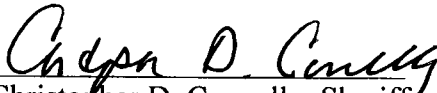
Vice Chair Commissioner Hanks confirmed that Michael Pelletier's certification was suspended and that an adjudicatory hearing would be held within ten days.

Judge Countway confirmed that the next regular meeting was on September 28, 2021.

Motion to adjourn at 12:45 pm by Judge Gardner, seconded by Dr. Sullivan, the voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

September 28, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,


Christopher D. Connelly, Sheriff
Chairman