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**Public Minutes** 

### NH Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission Meeting

#### February 06, 2024

NH Police Standard & Training Arthur D. Kehas Law Enforcement Training Facility and Campus 17 Institute Drive Concord, NH 03301 & Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83515401045?pwd=Z3VSRXV2Y2I4TE90VXBHZUM3bzNqQT09

**<u>1.</u>** <u>Call to Order and Roll Call:</u> At 1:00pm Chairman Chairman King called the meeting to order.

Committee Chair: Committee Vice Chair: Secretary: Commission member: Commission member: Commission member:	Chief Anthony King Stratham Police Department – present, in person Chief (Ret.) Ron Ace – present, in person Chief Mark Chase Center Harbor Police Department – present, in person Sheriff Eli Rivera Cheshire County – present, in person Chief Joseph Hoebeke Hollis Police Department – present, in person Director John Scippa NH Police Standards & Training – present, in person
PST Designee:	Captain Adam Hawkins NH Police Standards & Training – present, in person
Commission member:	Senator Sharon Carson NH Senate present – absent
Commission member: Commission member:	Representative Terry Roy NH Representative – present, in person Dr. Jeffrey Czarnec SNHU present– absent
Commission member:	Attorney General John Formella NHDOJ – absent
DOJ Designee:	Senior Assistant Attorney General Matthew Broadhead – absent
Staff Present:	Dara May PST (Program Assistant II) – present, in person
	Attorney Stacie Moeser PST (Board Counsel) – present, in person
	Max Schultz PST (Major) – present, in person
Public Present:	Sean O'Leary Dirigo Safety, LLC – present, in person
	Susan Paschell Dupont Group / The Innocence Project – present, in person
	Laurie Roberts The Innocence Project – present, in person
	Cynthia Mousseau The Innocence Project – present, in person
	Keri Wareing Portsmouth Police Department / NNEPAC – present, Zoom



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- <u>Acceptance of Public Meeting Minutes</u>: Motion to accept the January 08, 2024, draft meeting minutes, with the amendment of changing the month to January, by Chief (ret.) Ace and seconded by Chief Hoebeke. All in favor, except for Chief Chase, who abstained from voting. A rollcall vote was cast, and the motion passed.
- 3. <u>Acceptance of Nonpublic Meeting Minutes</u>: Motioned to accept the January 08, 2024, nonpublic minutes by Sheriff Rivera seconded by Chief (ret.) Ace. All in favor, except for Chief Chase, who abstained from voting. A rollcall vote was cast, and the motion passed.
- <u>4.</u> <u>Public Comment Presentations:</u> Susan Paschell introduced Laurie Roberts and Cynthia Mousseau from the Innocence Project. They spoke regarding Senate Bill 80, which requires the recording of custodial interrogations. Senate Bill 80 is currently law or in practice in 30 states, including Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. Senate Bill 80 is currently in interim study in the Senate. The Commission thanked Laurie and Cynthia for their presentation.
- 5. Financial Update: See attached document. Major Schultz spoke regarding the budget and 2021 COPS grant. The 2021 COPS grant funds were put into a purchase order. The money expended from July 1 to August 31 was \$8,640. This was paid with general funds as opposed to the money from the grant. This error was from administrative services extracting funds from the wrong account. Chief King asked what the total funds available are. Director Scippa stated an accurate estimation of funds will not be available until the RFP is completed. The vendor inquiry period for the RFP ends on February 09, 2024. The responses to the vendor inquiries is February 13, 2024. All proposals are due on March 01, 2024. Interviews and presentations will be conducted around March 04, 2024, with notification of selection being March 15, 2024. The RFP was initially submitted on January 22, 2024. Director Scippa stated that Captain Hawkins is the sole point of contact for the RFP process.

Chief King asked about enrollment paperwork, specifically regarding the prorating of applications. Major Schultz stated that prorating may be very difficult, as New Hampshire Police Standards and Training does very few accounts receivable. Major Schultz will research if it's possible for there to be a reoccurring bill for each agency, as opposed to all at once. Tabled until the next meeting.

Major Schultz departed the meeting.

6. <u>Applications Update:</u> Stratham Police Department and Portsmouth Police Department have submitted applications. Motion by Chief Hoebeke to accept the applications of Stratham Police Department and Portsmouth Police Department, seconded by Director Scippa. All in favor except. Chief King abstained from voting on the Stratham Police Department application. The Stratham Police Department's application has been signed by Chief (ret.) Ace. Director Scippa stated approval letters will be sent out to both agencies.



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**<u>7.</u>** <u>PSTC Update:</u> There is one applicant for the training specialist position that will work to support the commission and work to ensure that Police Standards and Training becomes accredited. The advertising for the position has been posted on social media.

Attorney Moeser provided the slides and background information regarding the COPS presentation.

Captain Hawkins stated the new website is in the process with the Department of Information Technology (DOIT).

<u>Program Update:</u> Chief King advised a new program brochure was created. The assessor position application has been posted to Benchmark, the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police Association, and to the Northern New England Police Accreditation Commission. There are currently thirteen applicants, all with varying levels of experience. The training and orientation of assessors will be led by Amy Reynolds from PowerDMS. The Program Manager will approve the applicants who will attend the training, and the Commission will have final approval on who is appointed as an assessor. Chief King will send the list of assessor applicants to Amy.

Lexipol and the Daigle Law Group provide training for community accreditation managers, which may be beneficial for agency accreditation managers.

Captain Hawkins stated that Amy Reynolds will update the standards in PowerDMS when the Commission approves changes. In addition, if the program manager position is vacant, PowerDMS will update the pdf manual.

Chief King provided a glossary of terms related to the program. Chief King asked the Commission to review the terms and be ready for discussion at the next meeting.

Chief King and Chief Hoebeke conducted an onsite walkthrough of the Merrimack Police Department. East Kingson Police Department has inquired about a site visit. Gilford Police Department and Boscawen Police Department both inquired about the program.

Chief King proposed a formal accreditation agreement, a document that outlines the expectations of agencies, of the commission, and of the program manager. The document would be signed by the parties and act as a contractual agreement. Sean O'Leary from Dirigo Safety stated that Maine has a current contract, and he will email an example to Chief King. Attorney Moeser inquired to Sean O'Leary about what would happen if a part violated the agreement. Sean O'Leary for the information.

9. Standards Subcommittee Reports: Motion by Chief (ret.) Ace, seconded by Sheriff Rivera to amend Standard 1.1.12 Compliance with NHPSTC Standards/Rules and Regulations to read, "The Agency shall comply with all applicable NHPSTC Standards/Rules and Regulations. GUIDANCE: To show compliance regarding NHPSTC standards/rules and regulations, the prescribed annual affidavit will suffice submitted by the agency. NHPSTC is responsible for assessments of extenuating



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circumstances or otherwise that may impact interpretation of compliance." A rollcall vote was cast, and the motion passed unanimously.

<u>10.</u> <u>Old Business</u>: Discussion on how to compensate Mike French's estate. The uncashed check from August 2023 was in Mike French's name. Director Scippa stated that Chief Sullivan will speak to Mike French's wife to obtain a letter that states that Mike French's wife is the executor.

Mike French's wife found one unsubmitted invoice from September 2023 that is outside the contractual period, which will be treated as a claim from the state. Once Police Standards and Training receives the claim letter, the funds will be issued.

#### 11. New Business: None.

#### Meeting Schedule / Next Meeting:

The second meeting of the Standards Subcommittee will be held at:

NH Police Standards & Training Arthur D. Kehas Law Enforcement Training Facility and Campus 17 Institute Drive Concord, NH 03301

#### March, 5 2024, at 12:00pm By Zoom <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83515401045?pwd=Z3VSRXV2Y2I4TE90VXBHZUM3bzNqQT09</u>

The next Commission meeting will be held at:

NH Police Standards & Training Arthur D. Kehas Law Enforcement Training Facility and Campus 17 Institute Drive Concord, NH 03301

### March 5, 2024, at 1:00pm By Zoom <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83515401045?pwd=Z3VSRXV2Y2I4TE90VXBHZUM3bzNqQT09</u>

**12.** <u>Adjournment:</u> Motion by Chief Hoebeke seconded by Chief Ace to adjourn at 2:31 p.m. All in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Mark C. Chase



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#### **STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS**



QL201 Date 02/01/24 Time 05:50 Btatement of Appropriations by Office				,		Fiscal Year 2024 Periods From 1 to 7 Period Beg 07/01/23 End 01/31/24		
Company 0010 General Fund Agency 087 POLICE STOS 4 TP Organization 3515 LAW ENFORCEMENT	AINING COUNCIL ACCREDITATION	Sub-Org	705 ADMIN & STANDARDS 515LEA					
Class Appropriation	Est Revenue	Expenditures	Revenuo	Encumbrances	Transfers	Lapsed	Bal Fwd	Avallable Rate
009 AGENCY INCOME 0.00	D.00	0.00	30,416.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,416.67 0.00
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020 CURRENT EXPENSES 7,000.00	0.00	963.38-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	3,036.62 .24
040 INDIRECT COSTS 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00 0.00
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