

Board on Public Safety Standards and Training

Minutes

April 26, 2007

The Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting on April 26, 2007 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon. Vice-Chair Bob Wolfe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Attendees

Board Members Present:

Bob Wolfe, Vice-Chair, Oregon State Sheriffs' Association
Kelly Bach, Oregon State Firefighters' Council
Andrew Bentz, Oregon State Sheriffs' Association
Harold Burke-Sivers, Private Security Industry
Larry Goff, Oregon Fire District Directors' Association
Andrew Jordan, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police
Robert King, Portland Police Bureau (by teleconference)
Erik Kvarsten, League of Oregon Cities
William Lafferty, Forest Protection Agencies
Rosie Sizer, Chief, Portland Police Bureau
Tim McLain, Interim Superintendent, Oregon State Police
Eric Meyer, Private Security Industry
Steven Piper, Non-Management Law Enforcement (by teleconference)
Mark Prince, Oregon Fire Chiefs' Association
David Sprando, Chief, Portland Fire and Rescue
Eric Swanson, Public Safety Telecommunicates
James Whelan, Oregon Volunteer Firefighters' Association (by teleconference)
Max Williams, Department of Corrections
Thomas Wright, Department of Corrections Bargaining Unit Representative

Board Members Absent:

Robert Jordan, SAIC FBI, Oregon
Nancy Orr, Oregon State Fire Marshal
David Schutt, Oregon District Attorneys' Association

DPSST Staff:

John Minnis, Director
Eriks Gabliks, Deputy Director
Cameron Campbell, Training Division Director
Marilyn Lorange, Certification and Records Supervisor
Theresa King, Professional Standards Coordinator
Bonnie Salle, Rules and Certification Coordinator
Tammera Hinshaw, Executive Assistant to Deputy Director

Guests:

Todd Anderson
Vickie Jeffries-Bilton
Maxine Bernstein, The Oregonian



1. Chair's Report and Administrative Announcements

Vice-Chair Wolfe announced this is a public meeting subject to the public meeting laws and is being recorded.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Andrew Bentz nominated Harold Burke-Sivers for Chair. Max Williams seconded the nomination. The nomination carried in a unanimous vote.

Dave Sprando nominated Mark Prince for Vice-Chair. Larry Goff seconded the nomination. The nomination carried in a unanimous vote. Vice-Chair duties will begin July 1, 2007 after the current Vice-Chair's term expires on June 30, 2007.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

Approve minutes from January 9, 2007 Board meeting.

B. Martin, Karen L. (DPSST #42447)

Uphold recommendation of the Telecommunications Policy Committee to revoke certification on the basis of violation of the established moral fitness standards.

C. Graichen, Ryan E. (DPSST #36238)

Uphold recommendation of the Police Policy Committee to revoke certification based on violation of the established moral fitness standards for Oregon public safety officers.

D. Nightingale, Elesha N. (DPSST #45012)

Uphold recommendation of the Police Policy Committee to deny training and subsequent certification based on violation of the established moral fitness standards for Oregon public safety officers.

4-17-09 Staff Addendum. Information received and reviewed by the Department of Justice subsequent to the committee's meeting and recommendation in this matter resulted in the administrative closure of this case.
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E. Buckner, John (DPSST #27766)

Uphold recommendation of the Police Policy Committee to revoke certification based on violation of the established moral fitness standards for Oregon public safety officers.

F. Bertsch, Lee B. (DPSST #19907)

Uphold recommendation of the Police Policy Committee to revoke certification based on violation of the established moral fitness standards for Oregon public safety officers.

G. Olympius, Aaron L. (DPSST #29242)

Uphold recommendation of the Police Policy Committee to revoke certification based on violation of the established moral fitness for Oregon public safety officers.

H. Pallesen, Shane A. (DPSST #32178)

Uphold recommendation of the Police Policy Committee to revoke certification based on violation of the established moral fitness standards for Oregon public safety officers.

I. OAR 259-008-0005 – Proposed Rule – Definition of “Recall”

J. OAR 259-008-0068 – Proposed Rule – Certified Retired Officer Certification

K. OAR 259-008-0075 – Proposed Administrative Rule Change – Sheriff Eligibility

L. OAR 259-008-0076 – Proposed Rule – Police Chief Certification

M. Police Policy Committee New Appointment

- Stuart Roberts, Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police

N. Law Enforcement Memorial Wall Nomination - Officer Victor Knott

O. Law Enforcement Memorial Wall Nomination - Officer Samuel Prescott

P. Law Enforcement Memorial Wall Nomination - Marshal John Zoller

Q. Law Enforcement Memorial Wall Nomination - State Game Warden Arthur Hubbard

Andrew Bentz moved to approve the Consent Agenda as provided to the Board. Mark Prince seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

4. Strategic Planning Update – Eriks Gabliks

DPSST staff is working on a number of the issues that were raised through the different committees and the Board requests.

Private Security/Private Investigators

- Staff is working on comprehensive rule review and getting some of the committees under the curriculum revision processes that were identified.

Fire

- Staff is working with partners on regulatory streamlining as well as some additional enhancements in regional training. They're looking at a state-wide fire training academy, unfortunately there's not enough money in the Fire Insurance Premium tax to cover the cost. Chair Whelan will put together a task force to look at a hybrid academy. They will be discussing this over the next 2 years.

Police

- Staff is working on the curriculum format, the 16-week basic police integration, and the standards processes with the students. They will bring back the Policy Curriculum Advisory committee to help develop an evaluation instrument for field training officers as well as agencies when students graduate in order to get feedback.

Corrections

- Staff is working on curriculum and the Oregon Physical Abilities test.

Telecommunication

- An active workgroup is moving forward on curriculum revision.

5. Director's Report

Director Minnis gave an update on various activities taking place at DPSST.

Legislative Update

- HB 3432 – Restructure of the Board. Eriks provided handouts showing the actual bill and the structure of the Board currently and the changes that would be made by the bill. An initial hearing and a work session has been held. The agency's position on the bill is neutral. This sparked a discussion regarding the make up of the Board, the moral fitness standard and how it is implemented in regards to the revocation process. Vice-Chair Wolfe and Eriks Gabliks will contact Brian DeLashmutt and talk about putting together a sub-committee or workgroup to come up with solutions.
- HB 2833 - Public Safety Memorial Fund Board bill would allow a person to name a designee to their benefits.
- SB 406 - Humane Society Investigators.
- HB 3318 – Campus Public Safety Officers to be fully commissioned police officers.
- HB 2765 – Crisis Intervention training dealing with the mentally ill.
- SB 1001 – Search and Rescue – this will not be coming to DPSST.

Budget Update

Director Minnis distributed handouts showing how the Co-Chair's budget will effect DPSST and explained how the agency will continue if the budget is adopted. We would be able to continue, but the agency is unwilling to go backwards in time to a 10-week training period. Instead of 18 basic police classes, we would only be able to provided 12 per biennium. Corrections classes would be reduced from 21 to 12 per biennium. There would be approximately 240 police officers that would not have access to the academy and a similar number of Corrections officers. DPSST and its' constituents are working with members of the Legislature to seek the Governor's recommended budget.

Construction Update

- Eriks Gabliks gave a quick update on various warranty issues that are in the process of being resolved and some construction projects at the academy.

Memorial Ceremonies – Director Minnis

1. Law Enforcement Memorial – Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. The Governor will meet privately with the families to present a limited edition framed print of the memorial, but will not be attending the ceremony. Attorney General, Hardy Meyers will be the key note speaker.
2. Fire Fighters Memorial – Saturday, September 15, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

6. Committee Reports

Corrections Policy Committee – Robert Wolfe, Chair

- The February meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum. Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for May 15.

Fire Policy Committee – Jim Whelan, Chair

- Next meeting is scheduled for May 18. Staff is working hard on criminal disqualifiers and hopes to have them finished soon.

Police Policy Committee – Andrew Bentz, Chair

- Next meeting is scheduled for May 8. The committee elected a new Chair, Andrew Bentz, and Vice-Chair, Andrew Jordan. Nothing unusual to report.

Private Security Policy Committee – Harold Burke-Sivers, Chair

- Working on revisions of definitions to the Guide to Alarm Monitors in administrative rule. Discussion of medical standards. The accreditation process is complete.
- Virginia Tech : This has been a devastating event. Harold encouraged partnerships in the communities and agencies and to reach out and support each other and work together to find answers to issues.

Telecommunications Policy Committee – Eric Swanson, Chair

- The curriculum advisory committee continues to review the curriculum and will soon be concluding.
- In July, the standards adopted for physical fitness for Telecommunicators will go into effect. The standard was presented to the 9-1-1 coordinators group at their last meeting and there was no opposition.

7. Public Safety Memorial Fund Board Update – Chair, Robert Wolfe

Chair Wolfe reminded Board members that a replacement for his position on the Public Safety Memorial Fund Board will need to be found soon as his term ends June 30, 2007. The replacement must be a Board member. There are two vacancies currently. Interested persons should send an interest form to the Board Chair, Harold Burke-Sivers who will make the appointment.

Other

- Harold Burke-Sivers thanked the Board members for their confidence in electing him Chair and promised his commitment to work hard. His term as Chair will end on June 30, 2008. He would like to attend the various Policy Committee meetings.

- Kelly Bach requested information on revocation cases that don't make it to the Police Policy Committee or the Board. Director Minnis explained how this happens and will send a spreadsheet of this information to the Board members.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.