

Applicant Review Committee Minutes

August 25, 2021

The Applicant Review Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting on August 25, 2021, at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon. Chair, Greg Martin called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Committee Members:

Chris Davis, Portland Police Bureau; Police Policy Committee (Webex)
Mark Rauch, Public Member; Police Policy Committee
Andre Lindauer, Public Member; Telecommunications Policy Committee (Webex)
Erica Stolhand, APCO; Telecommunications Policy Committee (Webex)
Greg Martin, DOC AOCE; Corrections Policy Committee
Rob Persson, DOC Superintendent; Corrections Policy Committee (Webex)

Committee Members Absent:

Vacant, Public Member; Board on Public Safety Standards and Training

Guests:

Nathan Walker

DPSST Staff:

Marsha Morin, Criminal Justice Certification Program Manager
Jordan James-Largent, Professional Standards Case Manager
Melissa Lang, Professional Standards Case Manager
Shelby Alexander, Executive Support Specialist



1. Introductions

Introductions of members, guest and staff were presented.

2. Approve June 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mark Rauch moved to approve the minutes from the 6/23/2021 with minor changes, Applicant Review Committee meeting. Rob Persson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Dranginis, Cody (61903) Application Review:

Presented by Jordan James Largent

Reason for Discretionary Review

DPSST received an Application for Training (F5) and a Criminal History Reporting form (F28) for Cody Dranginis, where he disclosed a criminal citation he received for *Driving-Inattentive or Careless* after running a red light which caused him to hit another vehicle. The driver of the other vehicle had to be extricated and both vehicles were required to be towed from the scene due to the damage. Dranginis ultimately pled and was convicted of *Driving-Inattentive or Careless* on 4/29/13.

Staff determined that Dranginis' conduct violates the Board's pre-employment moral fitness standards.

<i>Applicant Review Committee Discussion/Vote</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
Mark Rauch moved that the Applicant Review Committee adopt the staff report.	Rob Persson	6 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously
<p>The committee discussed the moral fitness violation and identified the following aggravating and mitigating factors specific to this case:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aggravating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The committee did not identify any aggravating factors. • Mitigating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dranginis' actions were negligent and not intentional, but did result in a wreck. ○ No alcohol or drugs were involved in the incident. ○ Dranginis paid all required fines and fees. ○ Dranginis chose to complete two days of work crew instead of four days of jail time. ○ The incident occurred 8 years prior to employment in public safety. ○ Dranginis has been hired by the Department of Corrections, who is aware of the criminal history. ○ The same or similar crime in Oregon is non-criminal and punishable only with a fine. 			
Mark Rauch moved, after considering the identified violations of the Board's moral fitness standard and weighing the aggravating and mitigating circumstances unique to this case that no action should be taken against Dranginis' application for training and subsequent certification.	Erica Stohland	6 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously

4. **Walker, Nathan (62029) Application Review:**

Presented by Jordan James Largent

Reason for Discretionary Review

DPSST received an Application for Training (F5) and a Criminal History Reporting form (F28) for Nathan Walker, where he disclosed a 12/15/11 conviction, for *Criminal Trespass II*. On 11/8/11, police witnessed Walker and three others driving all-terrain vehicles (ATV) on private property behind a locked gate that they did not have permission to ride on.

Walker also disclosed multiple non-criminal traffic offenses that do not require review by DPSST as they are not criminal dispositions.

Staff determined that Walker was dishonest with the officer when he stated that he did not know he could not ride behind the locked gate. Walker later admitted he knew he should not have been riding behind the locked gate. Walker's dishonesty with the officer violates the Board's pre-employment moral fitness standards.

Nathan Walker provided verbal mitigation for committee consideration.

<i>Applicant Review Committee Discussion/Vote</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
Rob Persson moved that the Applicant Review Committee adopt the staff report.	Mark Rauch	6 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously
<p>The committee discussed the moral fitness violation and identified the following aggravating and mitigating factors specific to this case:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aggravating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Walker has five prior violations, which reflect poorly on his ability to follow laws. • Mitigating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The incident occurred almost 10 years prior to being hired into public safety. ○ Walker paid the significant fine associated with his conviction. ○ Walker has been hired by the Department of Corrections (DOC), who is aware of the criminal history. ○ Walker's verbal mitigation provided to the committee and his maturity. ○ Walker has completed the DOC basic training course. ○ Although Walker was initially dishonest with police, he was cooperative and answered all questions unlike others involved in the incident. ○ The incident report provided no additional information how Walker was argumentative. 			
Rob Persson moved, after considering the identified violations of the Board's moral fitness standard and weighing the aggravating and mitigating circumstances unique to this case that no action should be taken against Walker's application for	Andre Lindauer	6 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously

training and subsequent certification.			
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5. **Inquiry Closures – Information Only**

Presented by Marsha Morin

DPSST presented the list of applicants for public safety training/certification who had engaged in pre-employment criminal conduct that was determined to not require committee review. This information was presented as information only and required no action by the committee

6. **Next Applicant Review Committee Meeting: September 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

Administrative Notes:

These minutes reflect the order of the discussion/voting items as they appear on the official meeting agenda. The actual order in which they were discussed may vary.

All documents reviewed and discussed in this meeting are subject to Oregon Public Records Law (ORS 192.410 to ORS 192.505). These documents can be requested by contacting DPSST at dpsst.records@state.or.us.