

Applicant Review Committee Minutes

September 15, 2021

The Applicant Review Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting on September 15, 2021, at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon. Chair, Greg Martin called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

Committee Members:

Mark Rauch, Public Member; Police Policy Committee (Webex)
Andre Lindauer, Public Member; Telecommunications Policy Committee (Webex)
Erica Stolhand, APCO; Telecommunications Policy Committee (Webex)
Greg Martin, DOC AOCE; Corrections Policy Committee
Zachary Kenney, Portland Police Bureau; Police Policy Committee (Webex)

Committee Members Absent:

Rob Persson, DOC Superintendent; Corrections Policy Committee
Vacant, Public Member; Board on Public Safety Standards and Training

Guests:

None

DPSST Staff:

Marsha Morin, Standards and Certification Program Manager
Wendy Nunez, Criminal Justice Office Specialist
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. Applicant Review Committee Overview Presentation

Presented by Marsha Morin

3. Approve September 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Andre Lindauer moved to approve the minutes from the 9/15/2021, Applicant Review Committee meeting. Zachary Kenney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Bennett, Corin (61844) 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 Corin Bennett, where she disclosed a 2000 conviction for *Possession of Marijuana*. Upon review of the application with the Astoria Police Department (APD), staff determined that the Possession of Marijuana occurred prior to January 1, 2001 and was not a mandatory disqualifier pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 259- 008-0300(2). While discussing the possession conviction, APD stated Bennett had another criminal disposition that was not reported. Staff further determined that Bennett’s error in reporting the September 3, 2012 citation listed below was not malicious and was appropriately reported during her background investigation with APD (A2).

On September 3, 2012, Bennett received a criminal citation for *Battery of a Household Member* after her then-husband reported to police that Bennett assaulted him. Bennett ultimately pled no contest to the amended charge of *Disorderly Conduct* and received a deferred sentence which she successfully completed and it was dismissed.

Staff determined that Bennett’s conduct involved violence against another person which 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>
Zachary Kenney moved that the Applicant Review Committee adopt the staff report.	Andre Lindauer	5 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"> ○ Bennett was initially uncooperative with police. • Mitigating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There were common signs of domestic violence in the incident report. ○ The conduct occurred over nine years ago and the amount of time that has passed since the conduct. ○ The mitigation letter from Chief Spalding and the strong character reference he provided for Bennett. ○ The state of Bennett’s relationship with her then-husband. ○ Bennett’s interaction with police is not uncommon when someone is possibly the victim of domestic violence. ○ The incident occurred prior to Bennett being employed in public safety. ○ Bennett was hired by APD, who is aware of the criminal disposition. 			
Zachary Kenney moved, after considering the identified violations of the Board’s moral fitness	Eric Stolhand	5 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously

<p>standard and weighing the aggravating and mitigating circumstances unique to this case that no action should be taken against Bennett’s application for training and subsequent certification.</p>			
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5. Inquiry Closure – Information Only

Presented by Jordan James Largent

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: October 27, 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.