

Applicant Review Committee Minutes

February 24, 2021

The Applicant Review Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting on February 24, 2021, at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon. Marsha Morin 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 (Webex)
Andre Lindauer, Public Member; Telecommunications Policy Committee (Webex)
Erica Stolhand, APCO; Telecommunications Policy Committee (Webex)
Greg Martin, DOC AOCE; Corrections Policy Committee

Committee Members Absent:

Rob Persson, DOC Superintendent; Corrections Policy Committee

Guests:

Ashton Murdock (Webex)

DPSST Staff:

Marsha Morin, Criminal Justice Certification Program Manager
Wendy Nunez, Criminal Justice Office Specialist
Jordan James-Largent, Professional Standards Case Manager
Melissa Lang, Professional Standards Case Manager
Mona Riesterer, Executive Support Specialist
Linsay Hale, Professional Standards Division Director/Interim Training Division Director (Webex)



1. Introductions

Introductions of members, guest and staff were presented.

2. Approval of Bylaws

Presented by Marsha Morin

The Applicant Review Committee, established by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 259-006-0010, is charged with the responsibility of reviewing discretionary professional standards cases where the public safety professional is a new applicant for DPSST training and certification and the professional standards case is based on a criminal disposition that occurred prior to employment in public safety. Pursuant to

OAR 259-006-0010 and OAR 259-008-0290, the Board delegates the authority to determine whether to deny or not deny public safety professional certifications, including determining how long an individual will be ineligible for certification when certification is denied, to the Applicant Review Committee (ARC).

The bylaws were established pursuant to OAR 259-006-0010 with the purpose of establishing the guidance to the members of the ARC in carrying out their duties as members of this committee.

Mark Rauch moved to approve the Bylaws of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training's Applicant Review committee. Chris Davis seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

3. Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Selection

In accordance with Applicant Review Committee Bylaws, committee members must select the chairperson and vice chairperson by nomination and majority vote of the committee.

Mark Rauch moved to select Greg Martin as the Chairperson and Chris Davis as Vice Chairperson for the Applicant Review Committee in accordance with the committee bylaws. Andre Lindauer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Murdock, Ashton (61602) 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 Ashton Murdock where he disclosed a 3/12/12, criminal disposition for *Failure to Perform the Duties of a Driver*. On 3/29/11, Murdock, left the scene after he backed into a parked vehicle causing damage to two vehicles. Murdock ultimately pled guilty to one count of *Failure to Perform the Duties of a Driver* which was dismissed after completing diversion.

Staff determined that leaving the scene of an accident constitutes dishonesty and violates the Board's pre- employment moral fitness standards.

Ashton Murdock provided verbal mitigation for committee consideration.

<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.	Greg Martin	5 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed
<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"> ○ Murdock failed to timely pay the required fees and a warrant was issued. 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitigating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The length of time since the incident occurred. ○ Murdock’s age at the time of the incident ○ Murdock’s written and verbal mitigation that was provided, in which he took responsibility for the incident. ○ Murdock was ultimately held accountable for his actions, when he reported to the police department the next day and was interviewed. 			
Greg Martin 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 be taken against Murdock’s application for training and subsequent certification.	Mark Rauch	5 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed

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: March 24, 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.