

# Telecommunications Policy Committee

## Minutes

### May 6, 2015

The Telecommunications Policy Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting on May 6, 2015 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon. Committee member Brian Oeder filling in for Toni Sexton called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

#### **Attendees:**

##### **Committee Members:**

Sherry Bensema, Oregon Fire Chief's Association  
Pamela Brost, Associated Public Safety Communications Officers  
Sharyl Dresser, Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (by phone)  
Mike Moran, Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police  
Brian Oeder, Line-Level Telecommunicator  
Randy Wood, Chief, Santa Clara Fire District (by phone)

##### **Committee Members Absent:**

Toni Sexton, Chair, Bureau of Emergency Communications  
Gary Bettencourt, Oregon State Sheriffs' Association  
Justin Hardwick, Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems  
Bob Rector, Oregon State Police

##### **DPSST Staff:**

Eriks Gabliks, Director  
Todd Anderson, Director of Training  
Linsay Hale, Professional Standards Division Director  
Mona Riesterer, Professional Standards Assistant  
Debbie Anderson, Certification and Compliance Specialist  
Jennifer Howald, Scheduling and Certification Specialist  
Sharon Huck, Rules Coordinator  
Leon Colas, Professional Standards/Investigator



#### **1. Minutes from February 4, 2015 Meeting**

Approve meeting minutes from February 4, 2015

To see a complete record of the February 4, 2015 Telecommunications Policy Committee minutes, please go to:  
<http://www.oregon.gov/dpsst/BD/pages/telecommunicationspolicycommitteemeetingminutes.aspx>

Sherry Bensema moved to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2015 Telecommunications Policy Committee meeting. Pamela Brost seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. **\*OAR 259-008-0011 Proposed Rule Change; Physical Standards Review, Form F2-T and Physical Standard Waivers Process Changes**

Presented by Sharon Huck

This proposed rule change updates the medical standards for telecommunicators and emergency medical dispatchers. The change also streamlines the reporting and waiver processes for the applicant, hiring agency, and the Department.

Mike Moran moved to approve for Secretary of state and if permanent if no comments are received as presented. Sherry Bensema seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

By consensus the committee found not fiscal impact to small businesses.

3. **\*Brian Cunningham DPSST # 54866 Application for Training Lane County Sheriff's Office**

Presented by Leon Colas

Brian Cunningham's conduct on April 11, 2008, in Las Vegas, Nevada that led to his arrest and subsequent conviction for DUI liquor, the Oregon equivalent crime of which is DUII. The issue in this case is whether Cunningham's conduct in his 2008 arrest/2009 DUI Liquor conviction, a discretionary disqualifying crime under OAR 259-008-0070 (4) (c), should result in the denial of his application for training.

Pam Brost moved to adopt the staff report. Gary Mike Moran seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

By discussion and consensus, the committee determined that Brian Cunningham's behavior did not involve **Insubordination**.

By discussion and consensus, the committee identified Brian Cunningham's behavior did involve **Misconduct** as defined in the Administrative Rule by violating the law by being convicted of DUII.

Mike Moran moved that the Telecommunications Policy Committee find that Brian Cunningham's **Misconduct**, when considered alone, does not rise to the level to warrant denial of Cunningham's application for training. Pam Brost seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

By discussion and consensus, the committee determined that Brian Cunningham's behavior did involve **Gross Misconduct** as defined in the Administrative Rule as

driving under the influence of liquor poses a danger or risk to other persons and property.

Mike Moran moved that the Telecommunications Policy Committee find that Brian Cunningham's **Gross Misconduct**, when considered alone, does not rise to the level to warrant denial of Cunningham's application for training. Sherry Bensema seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

By discussion and consensus, the committee determined that Brian Cunningham's behavior did not involve **Misuse of Authority**.

By discussion and consensus, the committee determined that Brian Cunningham's behavior did not involve **Disregard for the Rights of Others**.

By discussion and consensus, the committee determined that Brian Cunningham's behavior did not involve **Dishonesty**.

By discussion and consensus, the committee determined that Brian Cunningham's behavior did not involve any **Aggravating Circumstances**.

By discussion and consensus, the committee determined that Brian Cunningham's behavior did not involve any **Mitigating Circumstances**.

Randy Wood moved that the Telecommunications Policy Committee recommends to the Board that Brian Cunningham's application for training should not be denied. Mike Moran seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. Department Updates**

Theresa King reported:

Theresa has been working with the JTA workgroup on the job task analysis over the last several. The final JTA added 30 new critical and essential tasks for telecommunicators, including emotional wellness. They also linked competencies to the essential tasks and to allow Center for Policing Excellence to further develop curriculum. Currently the JTA has been sent out for review by the workgroup members. Once finalized, the JTA will come to Telecommunication Policy Committee for review and approval and then onto to the Board before it is sent to CPE for curriculum development.

Linsay Hale reported:

As a follow up on to the medical standards, DPSST is taking the same process change to the Corrections Policy Committee and the Police Policy Committee at their meetings next week. Providing all in agreement, we will be sending the information

to our legal counsel to make sure we are still within our perimeters. There will be a significant form change as well as a process change for all agencies across the state. We intend to do a significant outreach to our constituents to advise them of the changes. Currently we are looking at a January 1, 2016 as an implementation date.

We are also looking at our internal complaint process. We recognized recently is that we do not have a consistent process. We are looking at making one process for Professional Standards for constituents to make complaints and have a standard way of how the complaints are handled. This will be coming by a rule change hopefully by the August Telecommunication Policy meeting.

Linsay asked the groups permission to form a work group to look at our denial revocation standards. Currently the standards that apply to Telecommunications and EMD certifications also apply to Corrections, Parole and Probation, and Police Officers across the state. The Telecommunication Policy group agreed with no objections in regards to form the work group.

Todd Anderson reported:

There is a basic Telecom Class next month. DPSST is assisting at providing training at the Western Regional APCO meeting March 8<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> in Portland, Oregon at the Convention Center.

Erik Gabliks reported:

Eriks wanted to thank Brian Oeder for filling in for Toni Sexton in her absence. DPSST has asked for two mental health positions to help with the regional training and academy training. Also in regards to budget, we are anticipating approval of our current service level for telecom.

On the legislative side, DPSST is involved in two different discussions, one being the marijuana bill. Many have called in asking how this will affect DPSST and as agency we will not be doing anything extra as we will treat this like we treat alcohol. The other bill would be the oil trains. This affects the gorge, valley, and Central Oregon where the rails are running. We have asked for funding to provide additional training to Emergency Responders including Telecommunicators on how to handle these types of incidents.

Portland State University has made a decision to form a Police Department. They are still months away from having officers on campus that are fully trained and certified Police Officers. They will have a discussion on how they will be handling dispatch.

The Governor's office did have its briefing on the wild fire season last week. This was earlier than normal because of our dry winter. All the agencies sat down with the Governor and all agencies have their plans in place.

Eriks presented to Pamela Brost due to her retirement an award from the agency to recognize her service and thanked her for all she has done as we wish her the best in her next endeavor.

**5. Next Telecommunications Policy Committee Meeting Date**

Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

*\* 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](mailto:dpsst.records@state.or.us).*

