

Telecommunications Policy Committee Minutes

November 1, 2023

The Telecommunications Policy Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting on November 1, 2023, at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon. Chair, Michael Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Committee Members:

Michael Fletcher, Chair, APCO-NENA
Sean Joyce, Oregon State Police (Webex)
Ronda Griffin, APCO-NENA, EMS Section (Webex)
Stephen King, Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (Webex)
Rosa Antoine, Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (Webex)
Les Thomas, Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (Webex)
Raeann Thurber, Telecommunicator (Webex)

Committee Members Absent:

Travis Ash, Oregon State Sheriff's Association
Rebecca Long, Emergency Medical Services & Trauma Rep
Gary Bell, Oregon Associate of Chiefs of Police

Guests:

None

DPSST Staff:

Phil Castle, Director
Brian Henson, Deputy Director
Marsha Morin, Standards and Certification Manager
Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Case Manager
Jennifer Levario, Professional Standards Case Manager
Jennifer Howald, Administrative Rules Coordinator
Shelby Wright, Executive Support Specialist



1. Introductions

Introductions of members, guests and staff.

2. Approve March 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Raeann Thurber moved to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2023, Telecommunications Policy Committee meeting. Stephen King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Administrative Closure Consent Agenda

Presented by Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Compliance Coordinator

The Department presented recommendations to administratively close the following professional standards cases to the Telecommunications Policy Committee.

a) Heidy, Renee (43198) Telecommunications and Emergency Medical Dispatch

The Department viewed Heidy's actions related to her separation as performance-based, given that she did take steps to correct actions, but they did not have the desired effect by her agency.

b) Johnson, Teonna (56804) Telecommunications and Emergency Medical Dispatch

The Department was unable to determine if Johnson intended to give false information or if there was simply a miscommunication between the two parties involved. Given the inability to determine if her conduct was intentional, the Department is unable to make findings that Johnson violated the Board's moral fitness standards.

Raeann Thurber moved to approve the Administrative Closure Consent Agenda recommendations made by the Department. Ronda Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with one abstaining (Fletcher).

4. Applicant Review Committee Member Nominations

Presented by Shelby Wright, Executive Support Specialist

Ronda Griffin moved to re-appoint Chelsea LaBar and Raeann Thurber to the Applicant Review Committee. Sean Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Program Manager Updates

Presented by Marsha Morin, Standards and Certification Manager

- Moral Fitness Workgroup. The Workgroup had its first meeting in early October. This meeting consisted of an overview of Moral Fitness processes and the history of the changes along with a review of roles for workgroup members. The next workgroup is scheduled for November 6, 2023. The workgroup will discuss mandatory disqualifiers that result in automatic revocation/denial of a public safety professional's Certification.
- FTO Workgroups. The Field Training Officer Certification workgroup had its final meeting at the end of October. The FTO workgroup broke into two separate workgroups (Officer Certification and Training Development) to allow for focused discussions on both topics. Now that both workgroups have produced recommendations on the training and certification requirements for FTO's, DPSST will work towards presenting these recommendations to the committees.

6. Agency Update

Presented by Phil Castle, Director and Brian Henson, Deputy Director

- Chris Brodniak, Professional Standards Division Director, has moved on to other opportunities. Brian Henson, DPSST Deputy Director, will take on Chris' role while we recruit a replacement.
- Director Castle and Deputy Directors Henson and Yutzie have started a tradition of welcoming each new basic class to the academy. They just welcomed EMD 93 Students.
- The Basic Police 60 person classes will begin their trial run with classes starting in November, December, and January. With these three classes there will be a high demand on DPSST venues, classrooms and conference rooms. We may not be able to accommodate all outside requests for facility use.
- DPSST has hired 32 new employees to meet the demands of the 60-person classes.

- DPSST Leadership will begin its Listening Tour in January. Leadership will travel the state to hear from the constituency what DPSST is doing well, what can be improved, and what is DPSST not doing, but should.
- The Listening Tour will provide DPSST Leadership with valuable information to begin the budget process for the 25-27 biennium.
- DPSST went before the interim Joint Ways and Means committee in September to give a status report on the progress of the 60-person basic police classes and what DPSST will do to maintain student safety with the increased numbers. DPSST has already added speed bumps throughout the academy to maintain safety in the parking lots and roadways within the facility. There will also be a Safety Coordinator position assigned specifically to the training venues to ensure focused safety during training and DPSST will be recruiting for an Agency wide Safety Coordinator. DPSST will appear before the Interim Joint Ways and Means Committee again before session starts as well as appearing before the Public Safety Subcommittee.

7. Good of the Order Questions/Comments

- Committee Member Rhonda Griffin inquired about how far out DPSST is scheduling telecommunication classes. She has two new employees now that will not attend the academy until July. Deputy Director Henson indicated that DPSST has in the past been able to add telecommunications classes as needed and will be speaking to Deputy Director Yutzie regarding this. However, any new class would most likely need to be scheduled after the 60-person classes have concluded.

8. Next Telecommunications Policy Committee Meeting: February 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.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@dpsst.oregon.gov.