

# Telecommunications Policy Committee Minutes

## February 7, 2024

The Telecommunications Policy Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting on February 7, 2024, at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon. Kathy McAlpine called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **Committee Members:**

Gary Bell, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (Teams)  
Ronda Griffin, APCO-NENA, EMS Section (Teams)  
Sean Joyce, Oregon State Police (Teams)  
Rosa Antoine, Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (Teams)  
Rebecca Long, Emergency Medical Services & Trauma Rep (Teams)  
Raeann Thurber, Telecommunicators (Teams)  
Les Thomas, Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (Teams)

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Michael Fletcher, Chair, APCO-NENA  
Travis Ash, Oregon State Sheriff's Association  
Stephen King, Association of Public Safety Communications Officials  
Vacant, Public Member  
Vacant, Line-Level Communicator

### **Guests:**

Roderick Hogan  
Ernest Slye IV

### **DPSST Staff:**

Brian Henson, Deputy Director  
Staci Yutzie, Deputy Director, Academy Dean  
Kathy McAlpine, Professional Standards Division Director  
Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Compliance Coordinator  
Cindy Park, Professional Standards Compliance Coordinator  
Jennifer Howald, Administrative Rules Coordinator  
Erica Riddell, Criminal Justice Support Specialist  
Samantha Kossa, Executive Support Specialist  
Shelby Wright, Executive Assistant



### **1. Introductions**

Introductions of members, guests and staff.

### **2. Approve November 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

*Les Thomas moved to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2023, Telecommunications Policy Committee meeting. Gary Bell 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) Voyles, Joshua (58251) Telecommunications and Emergency Medical Dispatch**

On June 1, 2022, Joshua Voyles resigned from the Port of Portland Emergency Communications Center (PPECC) while under investigation for policy violations related to a dispatch call received on April 22, 2022.

The PPECC was unable to complete its investigation before Mr. Voyles’ employment ended due to the timing of Mr. Voyles’ pre-scheduled vacation and the notice requirements of the Collective Bargaining Agreement governing dispatch employees...Therefore, the Port determined that it could not complete the investigation before his employment ended.”

Based on the information provided, the Department has determined Voyles’ separation does not violate the Board’s moral fitness standards defined in the Oregon Administrative Rule.

*Gary Bell moved to approve the Administrative Closure Consent Agenda recommendations made by the Department. Rebecca Long seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**4. Hogan, Roderick (60731) Certification Review: Telecommunications/Emergency Medical Dispatch**

Presented by Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Compliance Coordinator

*Reason for Discretionary Review*

On August 26, 2022, Roderick Hogan resigned from the Washington County Consolidated Communications 911 Agency (WCCCA) while under investigation for two complaints made against him for dispatch calls he was involved with.

*Roderick Hogan provided verbal mitigation for committee consideration.*

<i>Policy Committee Discussion/Vote</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
Gary Bell moved that the Telecommunications Policy Committee adopt the staff report.	Ronda Griffin	6 ayes; 1 nays	Motion Passed
<p>The Telecommunications Policy Committee found the following moral fitness violations and factors:</p> <p><i>Moral Fitness Violations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dishonesty: The committee did not identify elements of dishonesty.</li> <li>• Misuse of Authority: The committee did not identify elements of misuse of authority.</li> <li>• Misconduct: Hogan harmed a caller by berating her and dismissing the signs of domestic violence which put the caller in jeopardy for her safety.</li> </ul>			

<p>Hogan’s conduct during both calls associated with these complaints harmed the efficient operations of the WCCCA.</p> <p><i>Aggravating Factors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee did not identify any aggravating factors.</li> </ul> <p><i>Mitigating Factors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The WCCCA internal investigation was not completed at the time of the DPSST case review and committee presentation.</li> </ul>			
<p>Les Thomas moved, after considering the identified violations of the Board’s moral fitness standards and weighing the aggravating and mitigating circumstances unique to this case, that no Board action should be taken against Roderick’s certifications.</p>	<p>Gary Bell</p>	<p>7 ayes; 0 nays</p>	<p>Motion Passed Unanimously</p>

**5. Slye IV, Ernest (61466) Certification Review: Telecommunications/Emergency Medical Dispatch**

Presented by Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Compliance Coordinator

*Reason for Discretionary Review*

On December 31, 2022, Ernest Slye IV resigned from the Oregon State University Department of Public Safety (OSU/DPS) during an investigation into his mishandling of a dispatch call. A complaint was filed by the Chief of Police at OSU/DPS outlining serious officer safety concerns related to the conduct and performance of Slye during this call.

*Ernest Slye IV provided verbal mitigation for committee consideration.*

<i>Policy Committee Discussion/Vote</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
<p>Gary Bell moved that the Telecommunications Policy Committee adopt the staff report.</p>	<p>Rebecca Long</p>	<p>7 ayes; 0 nays</p>	<p>Motion Passed Unanimously</p>
<p>The Telecommunications Policy Committee found the following moral fitness violations and factors:</p> <p><i>Moral Fitness Violations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dishonesty: The committee did not identify elements of dishonesty.</li> <li>• Misuse of Authority: The committee did not identify elements of misuse of authority.</li> </ul>			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Misconduct: Slye’s conduct on October 21, 2022, during a dispatch call threatened harm to the officers of the OSU/DPS, the students, and staff at OSU, and threatened the efficient operations of the OSU/DPS.</li> </ul> <p><i>Aggravating Factors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee did not identify any aggravating factors.</li> </ul> <p><i>Mitigating Factors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The issues in this case are a result of performance issues and not moral fitness.</li> </ul>			
Les Thomas moved, after considering the identified violations of the Board’s moral fitness standards and weighing the aggravating and mitigating circumstances unique to this case, that no Board action should be taken against Slye’s certification.	Ronda Griffin	7 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously

**6. Agency Update**

Presented by Brian Henson, Deputy Director

- DPSST classes are in full swing! On campus right now we have three 60-person Basic Police Classes, a 40-person Oregon State Police Basic Police Class and various other Corrections, Telecommunications and Leadership classes.
- There may be opportunities for additional 60-person classes to be added throughout the rest of the biennium, but DPSST will make those determinations when the need arises.
- The short legislative session is currently underway and DPSST is keeping an eye on any important bills moving forward that would impact the department.

**7. Next Telecommunications Policy Committee Meeting: May 1, 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](mailto:dpsst.records@dpsst.oregon.gov).*