Telecommunications Policy Committee Minutes

August 25, 2026

The Telecommunications Policy Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting on August 25, 2026, at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon. Chair, Michael Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members:
Michael Fletcher, Chair, APCO-NENA
Rosa Antoine. Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (Teams)
Ronda Griffin, APCO-NENA, EMS Section (Teams)
Brandon Hamilton, Oregon Fire Chief's Association (Teams)
Noah Juarez, Line-Level Communicator (Teams)
Greg Martin, Public Member
Dave Piercy, Oregon State Police

Committee Members Absent:
Kathryn Fisher, Line-Level Communicator

Guests:
None

DPSST Staff:
Phil Castle, Director
Marie Atwood, Professional Standards Division Director
Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Compliance Coordinator
Victor Sanchez, Professional Standards Compliance Coordinator
Cindy Park, Professional Standards Compliance Coordinator
Jennifer Howald, Administrative Rules Coordinator
Kathy Fink, Academy Class Coordinator
Erica Riddell, Criminal Justice Support Specialist
Juan Lopez-Hernandez, Executive Assistant

1. **Introductions**
   Introductions of members, guests and staff.

2. **Approve May 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
   A consensus was reached to approve the May 20, 2026, meeting minutes as written with amendments discussed.

3. **Approve the Bylaws of the Telecommunications Curriculum Advisory Committee**
   Brandon Hamilton moved to Approve the Bylaws of the Telecommunications Curriculum Advisory Committee. Noah Juarez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Proposed Rule Changes for Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 259-008-0005, 259-008-0290, 259-008-0300, 259-008-0310, 259-008-0320, 259-008-0330, 359-008-0340 and 259-008-0400**

Amending Public Safety Professional Certification Denial and Revocation Standards and Processes

Presented by Jennifer Howald, Administrative Rules Coordinator

This memo is presented to the Policy Committees as part of the ongoing review of proposed changes to Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 259-008-0005 and 259-008-0290 through 259-008-0400, which govern public safety professional certification denial and revocation standards and processes. The current review cycle invites the Policy Committees to examine the updated rule package, which now incorporates revisions made as a result of prior committee review and public comment, and consolidates the additional proposed rule changes that were introduced in May 2026.

Greg Martin *moved to recommend that the Board approve filing the Proposed Rule Changes for Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 259-0005, 259-008-0290, 259-008-0290, 259-008-0300, 259-008-0310, 259-008-0320, 259-008-0330, 259-008-0340 and 259-008-0400 as permanent rules if no comments are received. Dave Piercy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

5. **Agency Updates**

Presented by Phil Castle, Director

- Director Castle took a moment to thank the committee members for their commitment and dedication to the committee and acknowledged that the work they are doing for the committee is incredibly valuable for the State of Oregon as a whole and for the profession of law enforcement.
- Director Castle also took a moment to thank the DPSST staff who prepared and presented the materials for the committee meeting.
- Deputy Director Kathy McAlpine is no longer with DPSST. Director Castle acknowledged all the hard work that she accomplished at DPSST while the Professional Standards Director and the Deputy Director for the agency. The agency will truly miss her, and we wish nothing but the best for her in her future endeavors. In her place, DPSST has brought on Chief Marcia Harnden as the new Deputy Director of DPSST. We are excited for her future with DPSST and all the knowledge and experience she brings to the position.
- DPSST has finalized our Agency Requested Budget (ARB) and it has been submitted and accepted by the Governor's office.
- DPSST is in the middle of working through our new learning management system, it has been a large undertaking, but we are almost finished and will be submitting our request for proposals (RFP) soon. We are hoping to have a vendor in place for the learning management system no later than October.
- DPSST has had a challenging time lately filling some of our Basic Academy courses for all disciplines. We have cancelled the October Basic Police course to hopefully fill in some other courses for the rest of the year. We will continue to work with our

constituent agencies throughout the state to see what we can do to help raise attendance for the basic courses.

- Our F building, also known as "Main Street", has just finished necessary repairs and is now fully functioning again. The building had significant structural damage to the walls due to internal wind shear.

6. <u>Professional Standards Updates</u>

Presented by Marie Atwood, Professional Standards Division Director

- Professional Standards Director Atwood took a moment to thank the committee members for their commitment and dedication to the committee and acknowledged that the work they are doing for the committee is incredibly valuable for the State of Oregon as a whole and for the profession of law enforcement.
- Professional Standards Director Atwood also took a moment to thank the DPSST staff who prepared and presented the materials for the committee meeting.
- DPSST has drafted and sent out several legislative concepts to the Governor's office. There are two to note that would affect the policy committees.
    1. Proposal to add another seat to the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training for a tribal member.
    2. Jurisdiction for DPSST to review and complete all deferred cases.
- Jacy Gamble was introduced as the new Criminal Justice Program Manager; we are excited to have her knowledge and experience on the team!

7. <u>Next Telecommunications Policy Committee Meeting: November 4, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.</u>

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.