

LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE
PDC Building
123 Academy Drive
Dunbar, WV 25064

April 24, 2025

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Sheriff Mike Coffman Representing
WV Association of Counties
Mayor Randy Barrett Representing
WV Municipal League
Exec Director, Ms. Tia Welch Representing
WV Human Rights Commission
Retired Cpl. David Gentry Representing
WV Deputy Sheriff's Association
Sheriff Rob Matheny, II, Representing
Public at Large Member
Sergeant Kevin Williams Representing
WV Troopers Association
Sheriff Bobby Eggleton Representing
WV Sheriff's Association

MEMBERS REPRESENTED:

Chief Daren McNeil FOP Represented by
Retired Chief Steve Walker, Chairman
Colonel Bobby Cales WV DNR Represented by
Captain Warren Goodson
Chief Shawn Schwerfeger WV COP Represented by
Chief Eric Johnson
Colonel James Mitchell WVSP Represented by
Sgt. Joshua Hensley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF:

Mr. Bradley Bailey, Assistant Director JCS
Ret. Capt. Jess Gundy, Director LEPS
Mrs. Jaucelyn Egnor, Admin Secretary

GUESTS:

Ms. Kaitlyn Powers, Esq. WV Department Homeland
Security

The April 24, 2025, meeting of the Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Walker. There were eleven (11) members either present or represented, which represents a quorum of the Subcommittee membership, at the start of the meeting.

1. Agenda Item 1 – March 27, 2025, LEPS minutes were presented for approval. Motion made; Mayor Barrett seconded Chief Johnson to approve minutes with no noted changes. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
2. Agenda Item 2 - LEPS Fund Report was provided by Staff. Motion made, Capt. Goodson seconded, Sheriff Coffman. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
3. Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of applications for in-service training programs A) Annual In-Service Courses, B) Supervisory In-Service Courses, C) Combined In-Service Courses, motion made, Sgt. Williams seconded, Chief Johnson to approve all three categories and courses. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
4. Agenda Item 4 – Consideration for Instructor Applications. Motion made, Sgt. Williams seconded Mayor Barrett. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
5. Agenda Item 5 – Tab 1 - Consideration for the WVSP 74th Cadet Schedule. Motion made, Sheriff Coffman, seconded, Ms. Welch. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
6. Agenda Item 6 – Tab 2 – Consideration for the WVSP 200th Basic Class. Motion made, Sheriff Coffman, seconded, Capt. Goodson motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
7. Agenda Item 7 – Consideration of the Subcommittee on an Accelerated Class to replace the two-week Equivalency Course for WV State Police equivalency hires. Sgt. Hensley, filled in for Capt. Wood, who was out of state. Sgt. Hensley began with how the Accelerated Class would be a more in-depth eight-week course. It would be paramilitary and meet all the main components as the Equivalency/Recert course. The Academy would house these officers on campus instead of having them travel every day. The hiring process will follow the same protocols and equivalency hires would have to be approved by the Subcommittee. After their approval they will apply to the Academy, then enter the eight-week Accelerated Course when available. Motion made, Sheriff Eggleton, seconded by Chief Johnson motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

8. Agenda Item 8 – Tab 3 – Discussion of HB-2802 Concerning in-service hours for officers. The Subcommittee decided to wait to act on this bill until the September retreat at Stonewall Resort when rules would be promulgated to comply with the statute. Motion made, Sheriff Eggleton seconded, Chief Johnson motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

The Subcommittee went into executive session at 9:30 a.m. Motion made, Sgt. Williams seconded; Sheriff Coffman approved unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. Motion made, Sgt. Williams seconded, Sheriff Coffman, to come out of executive session, approved unanimously without discussion or questions and no negative votes cast. The Subcommittee came out of the executive session at 10:26 a.m., no action having been taken during the executive session on any of the items discussed.

9. Agenda Item 9A Tab 4 – Consideration of Officer One's request to be allowed to enter the Academy's 200th Basic Class. Motion made, Sheriff Coffman, seconded Chief Johnson to allow Officer One's request. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
10. Agenda Item 9B Tab 5 – Consideration of Officer Two's request to be allowed to enter the Academy's 200th Basic Class. Motion made, Sheriff Coffman, seconded Capt. Goodson to allow Officer Two's request. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
11. Agenda Item 10A Tab 6 – Consideration of Officer One's request to be allowed to reactivate Officer One's West Virginia Law Enforcement Certification. Motion made, Sgt. Williams, seconded Ms. Welch to allow Officer One to apply for the Equivalency Course. There was a caveat that Officer One may not work until successfully completing the Equivalency Course. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
12. Agenda Item 11B Tab 7 – Consideration of Officer One's request to reactivate Officer One's West Virginia Law Enforcement Certification. Officer One did not show, no action was taken and no vote cast.
13. Agenda Item 12 Tab 8 – Consideration for Personnel Change in Status Report. Motion made, Sgt. Williams seconded Capt. Goodson to approve without additions or corrections. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

There being no further agenda items set for discussion; a motion was made by Sgt. Williams, seconded Chief Johnson to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.