

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

January 30, 2025

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Sheriff Mike Coffman Representing
WV Association of Counties
Mayor Randy Barrett Representing
WV Municipal League
Retired Cpl. David Gentry Representing
WV Deputy Sheriff's Association
Sheriff Rick Woodyard Representing
WV Sheriff's Association
Sheriff Rob Matheny
Public at Large Member
Sergeant Kevin Williams Representing
WV Troopers Association

MEMBERS REPRESENTED:
Represented by

Chief Darren McNeil FOP Represented by
Chairman, Retired Chief Steve Walker
Colonel Bobby Cales WV DNR Represented by
Captain Warren Goodson
Chief Shawn Schwertfeger WV Chiefs of Police
Chief Eric Johnson
Exec Director Tia Welch WV Human Rights
Commission Represented by Joe Saunders

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Colonel James Mitchell WVSP Represented by
Captain Rob Petry

STAFF:

Ms. Tina Desmond, Director DAS
Mr. Randall Shoemake, Criminal Justice Planner
Ret. Capt. Jess Gundy, Director
Mrs. Jaucelyn Egnor, Admin Secretary

GUESTS:

Ms. Kaitlyn Powers WV Department Homeland
Security

The January 30, 2025, meeting of the Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee was called to order by Chairman Walker at 9:00 a.m. There were ten (10) members either present or represented, which represents a quorum of the Subcommittee membership, at the start of the meeting.

Chairman Walker requested the Subcommittee move Officer Two, agenda item 10B, Tab 7 to the end of the meeting as it was anticipated that Officer Two would require an extended amount of time. It was also suggested by Sgt. Williams to go into executive session to address all other agenda items, come out of executive session, vote on those items, then go back into executive session to address Officer Two. The Subcommittee agreed.

1. Agenda Item 1 – November 21, 2024, LEPS minutes were presented for approval. Motion made, Sgt Williams 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, Sgt. Williams seconded, Mayor Barrett. 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, motion made, Chief Johnson, seconded, Mayor Barrett. B) Supervisory In-Service Courses, motion made, Sgt. Williams, seconded, Capt. Goodson. C) Combined In-Service Courses, motion made, Mayor Barrett seconded, Sgt. Williams. The motions were approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
4. Agenda Item 4 – Consideration for Instructor Applications. Motion made, Capt. Goodson seconded, Sgt. Williams. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
5. Agenda Item 5 – Tab 1 - Consideration for the PDC Spring Training Schedule. Motion made, Sgt. Williams, seconded, Mayor Barrett. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
6. Agenda Item 6 – Tab 2 – Consideration for the WVSP 199th Basic Class Schedule. Motion made, Sgt. Williams, seconded, Capt. Goodson motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
7. Agenda Item 7 – Tab 3 – Consideration for Nathan Lanham's Position Statement. Motion made, Capt. Goodson, seconded Sheriff Coffman. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

The Subcommittee went into executive session at 9:05 a.m. Motion made by Sgt. Williams, seconded; Mayor Barrett approved unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. Motion made by Mayor Barrett seconded, Sgt. Williams, to come out of executive session, approved unanimously without discussion or questions and no negative votes cast. The Subcommittee came out of executive session at 1:00 p.m., no action having been taken during the executive session on any of the items discussed.

8. Agenda Item 8 – Tab 4 Consideration of Officer One's out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia and admitted into the Equivalency Class. Motion made, Sheriff Coffman, seconded, Mayor Barrett. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
9. Agenda Item 9 Tab 5 – Consideration of Officer One's criminal arrest record. Motion made, Sgt. Williams, seconded, Mayor Barrett to allow Officer One to continue in the process. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
10. Agenda Item 10A Tab 6 – Approval of Officer One's request to be reactivated and admitted to the Recertification Class. Motion made, Sheriff Matheny, seconded, Mr. Saunders to allow Officer One's request. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
11. Agenda Item 10C Tab 8 – Approval of Officer Three's request to be reactivated. Motion made, Sgt. Williams, seconded Mayor Barrett to deny Officer Three's request to be reactivated. Mr. Gundy then explained the appeals process to Officer Three. The motion was approved by majority vote with one member abstaining.
12. Agenda Item 10D Tab 9– Approval of Officer Four's request to be reactivated. Motion made, Sheriff Matheny, seconded, Sgt. Williams to Table Officer Four's request. Officer Four will be set on the February agenda. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
13. Agenda Item 10E Tab 10– Approval of Officer Five's request to be reactivated once additional training is submitted to LEPS. Motion made, Capt. Goodson, seconded, Sheriff Coffman to allow Officer Five's request motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
14. Agenda Item 10F Tab 11– Approval of Officer Six' request to be reactivated. Motion made, Chief Johnson, seconded Sgt. Williams to Table Officer Six' request. Officer Six will be set on the February agenda. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
15. Agenda Item 10G Tab 12– Approval of Officer Seven's request to be reactivated and admitted to the Recertification Class. Motion made, Sgt. Williams, seconded Sheriff Coffman to allow Officer Seven's request. The

motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

The Subcommittee went into executive session a second time at 1:20 p.m. Motion made by Sgt. Williams, seconded; Chief Johnson approved unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. Motion made by Mayor Barrett seconded Chief Johnson, to come out of executive session, approved unanimously without discussion or questions and no negative votes cast. The Subcommittee came out of executive session at 2:10 p.m., no action having been taken during the executive session on any of the items discussed.

17. Agenda Item 10B Tab 7 – Consideration of Officer Two's request to retain his certification. Motion made, Chief Johnson, seconded Mayor Barrett to Table Officer Two's request. Officer Two will be set on the February agenda. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

18. Consideration for Personnel Change in Status Report. Motion made Mayor Barrett, seconded Chief Johnson to approve with a revision. 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 Mayor Barrett, seconded, Chief Johnson, to adjourn this meeting. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.