LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE

PDC Building 123 Academy Drive Dunbar, WV 25064

August 28, 2025

MEMBERS' PRESENT: Mayor Rob Matheny Representing

Public at Large Member

Exec Director, Ms. Tia Welch Representing

WV Human Rights Commission

Sheriff Mike Coffman Representing

WV Association of Counties

Sergeant Stewart Swope Representing

WV Troopers Association Mayor Randy Barrett Representing

WV Municipal League

Sheriff Rick Woodyard Representing

WV Sheriff's Association

Retired Cpl. David Gentry Representing

WV Deputy 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

Capt. Aaron Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF: Ms. Tina Desmond, Director DAS

> Ret. Capt. Jess Gundy, Director LEPS Mrs. Jaucelyn Egnor, Admin Secretary

GUESTS: Ms. Kaitlyn Powers WV Attorney General's Office The August 28, 2025, meeting of the Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee was called to order at 8:59 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.

- Agenda Item 1 July 31, 2025, LEPS minutes were presented for approval.
 Motion made, Ms. Welch seconded Mayor Barrett 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, Sheriff Coffman seconded Mayor Barrett. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- Agenda Item 3 Consideration of applications for in-service training programs
 A) Annual In-Service Courses, B) Combined In-Service Courses, motion made,
 Mayor Matheny seconded, Mayor Barrett to approve both 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, Sheriff Woodyard seconded Sheriff Coffman. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 5. Agenda Item 5 Discussion with Ms. Kaitlyn Powers, attorney for the AG's Office concerning former WV Officer Eric Judd. The Subcommittee discussed the request from Mr. Judd's attorney requesting a settlement. Chairman Walker suggested to permit Mr. Judd to be hired by an agency that maintains a strict and established Field Training Officer (FTO) program. Mr. Judd must successfully complete the FTO program before the Subcommittee will consider whether to reinstate his certification or uphold his decertification as a West Virginia law enforcement officer. If Officer Judd successfully completes an FTO program, he must appear in front of the subcommittee. Motion made, Sheriff Coffman seconded Mayor Matheny. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 6. Agenda Item 6 Tab 1 Consideration of the Revised 149CSR2 to approve the revised 149CSR2 rules. Motion made, Mayor Matheny seconded Mayor Barrett. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast. A second motion was made for the subcommittee to allow its counsel to make changes and the Director to approve the changes. Motion made, Mayor Barrett seconded Ms. Welch. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 7. Agenda Item 7 Tab 2 Consideration of WVSP 201st Basic Class Schedule. Motion made; Sheriff Woodyard seconded Sheriff Coffman. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

8. Agenda Item 8 – Tab 3 - Consideration of Law Enforcement Professional Standard's Annual Report for FY 2024-2025. Motion made, Sheriff Coffman, seconded, Mayor Barrett. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

The Subcommittee went into executive session at 9:04 a.m. Motion made, Mayor Barrett seconded; Capt. Goodson approved unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. Motion made, Chief Johnson seconded, Mayor Barrett, 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 11:09 a.m. no action having been taken during the executive session on any of the items discussed.

- Agenda Item 9A Tab 4 Consideration of Chief Garten's Level II Instructor Application. Motion made, Mayor Matheny, seconded Sgt. Swope to allow Chief's request. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 10. Agenda Item 9B Tab 5 Consideration of Officer Sizemore's Level II Instructor Application. Motion made, Capt. Goodson, seconded Sheriff Woodyard. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 11. Agenda Item 10A Tab 6 Consideration for retired Officer Miller to be reactivated as a West Virginia Officer and attend the Recertification Class at the Academy. Motion made, Chief Johnson, seconded Mayor Barrett. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 12. Agenda Item 10B Tab 7 Consideration for Officer Cressman out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia and admitted into the Equivalency Class at the Academy. Motion made, Sheriff Matheny seconded Sheriff Woodyard. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 13. Agenda Item 11A Tab 8 Consideration for Officer Worley to be allowed to continue in the Academy's 201st Basic Class. Motion made, Chief Johnson, seconded Capt. Goodson. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 14. Agenda Item 12A Tab 9 Consideration for Officer Can to be allowed to continue in the Academy's 201st Basic Class. Motion made, Chief Johnson seconded, Ms. Welch. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

- 15. Agenda Item 13A Tab 10 This officer was continued due to being placed on military active duty. No votes cast.
- 16. Agenda Item 13B Tab 11 Consideration for Officer Murphy to be reactivated as a West Virginia Officer. Motion made, Sheriff Matheny seconded, Sheriff Coffman. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 17. Agenda Item 13C Tab 12 Consideration for Officer Holloway to be reactivated as a West Virginia Officer. Motion made, Ms. Welch seconded, Capt. Goodson. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 18. Agenda Item 14 Tab 13 Consideration for Personnel Change in Status Report. Motion made, Mayor Matheny seconded Sheriff Woodyard 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. Swope seconded Chief Johnson to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.