

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

**February 26,2026**

**MEMBERS' PRESENT:**

Exec Director, Ms. Tia Welch Representing  
WV Human Rights Commission  
Sheriff Mike Coffman Representing  
WV Association of Counties  
Retired Cpl. David Gentry Representing  
WV Deputy Sheriff's Association  
Sergeant Matt Jarvis Representing  
WV Trooper's Association  
Chief Daren McNeil Representing  
WV Fraternal Order of Police  
Mayor Randy Barrett Representing  
WV Municipal League  
Sherriff Rick Woodyard, Representing  
WV Sheriff's Association

**MEMBERS REPRESENTED:**

Colonel Bobby Cales WV DNR Represented by  
Captain Warren Goodson  
Mayor Rob Matheny Public at Large Represented by  
Chief Mark Rogers  
Chief Shawn Schwerfeger WV Chiefs of Police  
Represented by Chief Eric Johnson  
(Acting Chair)  
Colonel James Mitchell WVSP Represented by  
Capt. Aaron Wood

**STAFF:**

Ms. Tina Desmond, Director DAS  
Ret. Capt. Jess Gundy, Director LEPS  
Mrs. Wendy Fink, Administrative Services Assistant  
Ms. Paula Dickens, Executive Secretary  
Ms. Krista Ferrell, JCS AD

**GUESTS:**

Ms. Katelyn Powers WV Attorney General's Office  
First Sergeant Ryan Stinson WVSP  
Lieutenant Adam Crawford KCSO

The February 26,2026, meeting of the Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Acting Chairman Johnson. 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 – January 29, 2026, LEPS minutes were presented for approval. Motion made; Sheriff Woodyard seconded Sheriff Coffman 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; Ms. Welch seconded Mayor Barrett to approve the fund report. 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, and C) Combination in-service. Motion made; Captain Goodson seconded Chief Rogers to approve all categories and courses. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
4. Agenda Item 4 - Consideration of applications for Instructor certifications. Motion made; Mayor Barrett seconded Sheriff Woodyard to approve the instructor certifications. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
5. Agenda Item 5 Tab 1 – WVSP Two-Week Cadet Program Schedule. Motion made; Chief McNeil seconded Sheriff Coffman to approve the schedule. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
6. Agenda Item 6 Tab 2 - WVSP Equivalency Program Schedule. Motion made; Chief Rogers seconded Sheriff Coffman to approve the curriculum. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
7. Agenda Item 7 Tab 3 – WVSP Ammo Grant. Motion made; Sheriff Woodyard seconded Sheriff Coffman to approve the grant. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

The Subcommittee went into executive session at 9:28 a.m. Motion made; Chief Rogers seconded Mayor Barrett to go into executive session. The motion was approved unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. The Subcommittee came out of executive session at 11:09 am. Motion made; Sheriff Coffman seconded Chief McNeil. The motion was approved unanimously without discussion or questions and no negative votes cast. No action had been taken during the executive session on any of the items discussed.

8. Agenda Item 8 Tab 4 - Legal Update from Counsel for LEPS, agreement with Eric Judd. Motion made; Captain Goodson seconded Chief McNeil that Eric Judd has 6 months from February 16, 2026, to find employment and come before the board with the hiring agency and complete the FTO program. The

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

9. Agenda Item 9 Tab 5 - Consideration of Matthew Fuzie's out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia upon completion of the equivalency class. Motion made; Chief Rogers seconded Mayor Barrett. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
10. Agenda Item 10 -Tab 6 - Consideration of Frederick Keyes to attend the 203<sup>rd</sup> Academy in May. Motion made; Mayor Barrett seconded Sheriff Coffman. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast
11. Agenda Item 11 A -Tab 7- Consideration of Nathaniel Rogers to be hired by Fort Gay Police Department. Motion made; Mayor Barrett seconded Sheriff Woodyard to not activate his certification. Ms. Welch and Chief McNeil Abstained; motion was approved.
12. Agenda Item 12 B – Tab 8 - Consideration of Bryan Long to be hired by the Benwood Police Department. Motion made; Captain Goodson seconded Sheriff Coffman to table this until next month's meeting, with the presence of Admins from both Benwood Police Department and Glenville State Campus Police. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
13. Agenda Item 12-Tab 9 - To Accept the Personnel Change in Status Report. Motion made; Sheriff Coffman seconded Sheriff Woodyard. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast

There being no further agenda items set for discussion; meeting adjourned at 11.17 a.m. Motion made; Sheriff Coffman seconded Chief McNeil. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast.