

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

January 29, 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

MEMBERS REPRESENTED:

Sherriff Rick Woodyard, WV Sheriff's Association
Represented by Sheriff Bobby Eggleton
Colonel Bobby Cales WV DNR Represented by
Captain Warren Goodson
Mayor Rob Matheny Represented by
Sheriff Rob Matheny, II
Chief Shawn Schwerfeger WV FOP 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
Ms. Kate Campbell WV Attorney General's Office
First Sergeant Ryan Stinson WVSP
Lieutenant Adam Crawford KCSO

The January 29, 2026, meeting of the Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee was called to order at 9:03 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 - November 20, 2025, LEPS minutes were presented for approval. Motion made; Ms. Welch 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; Chief Matheny, II seconded Sheriff Eggleton 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) Combined In-Service Courses. Motion made; Mayor Barrett seconded Sheriff Coffman to approve both 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; Chief McNeil seconded Sheriff Eggleton 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 Academy 202nd Basic Class Grant. Motion made; Captain Goodson seconded Sheriff Coffman to approve the request for funding. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
6. Agenda Item 6 Tab 2 - WVSP 202nd Basic Class Schedule. Motion made; Mayor Barrett seconded Chief McNeil to approve the curriculum. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

The Subcommittee went into executive session at 9:08 a.m. Motion made; Sheriff Eggleton 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 1:30 pm. Motion made; Sheriff Matheny, II seconded Retired Cpl Gentry. 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.

7. Agenda Item 7 - Legal Update for Counsel for LEPS. Motion made; Captain Wood seconded Sheriff Coffman to Change Judd's status to certifiable, but he will need to come back to the LEPS subcommittee with the hiring agency and complete an FTO program. At the conclusion of the FTO program, Judd and the hiring agency must appear before the subcommittee with appropriate

documentation from the completed FTO program. The motion was approved with one negative vote cast.

8. Agenda Item 8A-Tab 3 - Consideration of Michael Morris out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia, he was denied attending the equivalency class but has the option to attend the full academy. Motion made; Cpt Goodson seconded Sheriff Matheny, II. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
9. Agenda Item 8B -Tab 4 - Consideration of Larry Large out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia upon completion of the equivalency class. Motion made; Sheriff Coffman seconded Retired Cpl. Gentry. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast
10. Agenda Item 8C -Tab 5 - Consideration of Justin Sizemore to have his out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia upon completing the equivalency class. Motion made; Sheriff Coffman seconded Cpl. Gentry. Sherriff Eggleton Abstained; motion was approved.
11. Agenda Item 8D -Tab 6 - Consideration of Robert Kennedy to have his out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia upon completing the equivalency class. Motion made; Captain Wood seconded Cpl. Gentry. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
12. Agenda Item 8E -Tab 7 - Consideration of Henry Lundy to have his out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia upon completing the equivalency class. Motion made; Sgt Jarvis seconded Captain Wood. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
13. Agenda Item 8F-Tab 8 - Consideration of Pawel Szmidt to have his out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia upon completing the equivalency class. Motion made; Mayor Barrett seconded Ms. Welch. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast
14. Agenda Item 8G-Tab 9 - Consideration of Jeffrey Cisar to have his out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia upon completing the equivalency class. Motion made; Sgt Jarvis seconded Cpl. Gentry. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
15. Agenda Item 8H-Tab 10 - Consideration of Zackary Knepshield to have his out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia upon completing the equivalency class. Motion made; Chief McNeil seconded Cpt Goodson. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

16. Agenda Item 9A-Tab11 - Consideration of Seth Gottron to continue in the 202nd Basic Class. Motion Made; Sgt Jarvis seconded Sheriff Matheny, II. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
17. Agenda Item 9B-Tab 12 - Consideration of Peyton Frohnafel to be hired by the Putnam County Sheriff's office and attend the next academy class. Motion made; Ms. Welch seconded Sgt Jarvis. Sherriff Eggleton Abstained; motion was approved.
18. Agenda Item 9C-Tab 13 - Consideration of Matthew Betro-Story to continue in the 202nd Basic Class. Motion Made; Cpt Goodson seconded Chief McNeil. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
19. Agenda Item 10A-Tab 14 - Consideration of Ryan Foster to continue his employment since he has completed his psychological exam as required to do in the November LEPS subcommittee meeting. Motion made; Cpt Goodson seconded Mayor Barrett. The motion was approved with one negative vote cast.
20. Agenda Item 10B-Tab 15 - Consideration of Mark McCullough to continue employment with the Shinnston Police Department after producing training records that he was asked to provide at the October 2025 LEPS subcommittee meeting. Motion Made; Sgt Jarvis seconded Sheriff Coffman. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
21. Agenda Item 10C-Tab 16 - Consideration of Brock Howes to take the equivalency class to be recertified. Motion was made to allow Brock Howes to withdraw from the process; Chief McNeil seconded Sheriff Coffman. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
22. Agenda Item 10D-Tab 17 - Consideration of James Deal to be hired by the WV International Yeager Airport Police department after completion of the equivalency class. Motion made; Cpt Goodson seconded Chief Matheny, II. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
23. Agenda Item 11-Tab 18 - To Accept the Personnel Change in Status Report, unless any items need amended from today's meeting. Motion made; Mayor Barrett seconded Sheriff Coffman. 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 1:47 pm. Motion made; Sheriff Matheny, II seconded Cpl Gentry. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast.