

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

June 25,2026

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Exec Director, Ms. Tia Welch Representing
WV Human Rights Commission
Sheriff Mike Coffman Representing
WV Association of Counties
Mayor Randy Barrett Representing
WV Municipal League
Mayor Rob Matheny Representing Public-at-Large
Retired Cpl. David Gentry Representing WV Deputy
Sheriffs Association

MEMBERS REPRESENTED:

Colonel James Mitchell WVSP Represented by
Capt. Aaron Wood
Sherriff Rick Woodyard, WV Sheriff's Association
Represented by Sheriff Bobby Eggleston
Sergeant Matt Jarvis WV Trooper's Association
Represented by Sergeant Stewart Swope
Chief Shawn Schwerfeger WV Chiefs of Police
Represented by Chief Eric Johnson
Colonel Bobby Cales,WV DNR Represented, by
Captain Warren Goodson
Lieutenant Adam Crawford WV FOP Represented by
Chairman Steve Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF:

Ret. Capt. Jess Gundy, Director LEPS
Ms. Paula Dickens, Executive Secretary
Tina Desmond, Director DAS

GUESTS:

Ms. Katelyn Powers WV Attorney General's Office
Chelsie Crider, DAS

The June 25, 2026, meeting of the Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Steve 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 – May 28, 2026, LEPS minutes were presented for approval. Motion made; Sheriff Bobby Eggleton seconded Sheriff Rob Matheny 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. Motion made; Chief Eric Johnson seconded Tia Welch 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, and B) Combination in-service. Motion made; Mayor Randy Barrett seconded Sheriff Mike Coffman 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; Captain Warren Goodson seconded Chief Eric Johnson to approve the instructor certifications. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
5. Agenda Item 5 Tab 1 – Position Statement – Ryan Johnson Motion made; Chief Eric Jonson; seconded Sheriff Bobby Eggleton to approve the position statement. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
6. Agenda Item 6 Tab 2 WVSP PDC Fall Catalog 2026. Motion made; Mayor Randy Barrett; seconded Sheriff Rob Matheny to approve the Fall Catalog. 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; Mayor Randy Barrett; seconded Sheriff Mike Coffman 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 9:50 am. Motion made; Captain Aaron Wood Second Ms. Tia Welch. 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 (A) Tab 3– Equivalency Request – Bailey Leon Lynch- Did not appear.

8. Agenda Item 7 (B) Tab 4 – Equivalency Request – Thomas N Lafferty. Motion made; Mayor Randy Barrett seconded, Warren Goodson to attend the two-week equivalency/recertification training. The motion was approved and without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

9. Agenda Item 8 (A) Tab 5 – Reactivation of Certification Review- Christopher M Gowen. Motion made; Chief Eric Johnson seconded Sheriff Rob Matheny to attend the two-week equivalency/recertification training. The motion was approved with no negative votes cast.

10. Agenda Item 8 (B) Tab 6 – Reactivation of Certification Review – Brock Howes Motion made; Mayor Rob Matheny seconded Captain Warren Goodson to attend the two-week equivalency/recertification training. The motion was approved by majority vote with (2) two negative votes cast.

11. Agenda Item 9 - Personnel Change of Status Report Motion made; Sheriff Mike Coffman seconded Mayor Randy Barrett to accept the personnel change in status report with no changes. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

12. Adjournment. There being no further agenda items set for discussion; meeting adjourned at 9:58 am. Motion made; Sheriff Mike Coffman seconded Captain Aaron Wood. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast.

Next Meeting 07/30/2026