

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

November 20, 2025

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

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
Chief Mark Rogers
Mayor Randy Barrett Represented by
Mayor Scott James
Chief Shawn Schwerfeger WV FOP Represented by
Chief Eric Johnson (Acting Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

GUESTS:

Ms. Katelyn Powers WV Attorney General's Office

The November 20,2025, meeting of the Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Acting Chairman Johnson. There were ten (10) members either present or represented, which represents a quorum of the Subcommittee membership, at the start of the meeting.

1. Agenda Item 1 – October 30,2025, LEPS minutes were presented for approval. Motion made; Mayor James 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; Sgt. Jarvis seconded Ms. Welch. 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; Sheriff Coffman seconded Chief McNeil 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 Rogers seconded Captain Goodson. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
5. Agenda Item 5 Tab 1 – Position Statement Jonathan Bruce. Motion made; Chief McNeil seconded Ms. Welch. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
6. Agenda Item 6 Tab 2 – WVSP 2026 in service schedule. Motion made; Sheriff Coffman seconded Mayor Barrett to approve the curriculum. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
7. Agenda Item 7A – Tab 3 – Consideration of Logan Thompson to be an instructor development trainer. Motion made; Sheriff Eggleton seconded Sheriff Coffman. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

The Subcommittee went into executive session at 9:09 a.m. Motion made; Sgt. Jarvis seconded Ms. Welch. The motion was approved unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. Motion made; Chief McNeil seconded Sheriff Coffman to come out of executive session, The motion was approved unanimously without discussion or questions and no negative votes cast. The Subcommittee came out of the executive session at 11:35 a.m. no action had been taken during the executive session on any of the items discussed.

8. Agenda Item 8A – Tab 4 – Consideration of Terry Walls out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia and admitted into the Equivalency Class. Motion made; Sheriff Coffman seconded Cpt Goodson. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
9. Agenda Item 9A - Tab 5 -Consideration of Chris Casto to be admitted into the Recertification Class to renew his certification. Motion made; Sheriff Coffman seconded Sheriff Eggleton. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast
10. Agenda Item 9B – Tab 6 –Ryan Foster to have his certification approved pending the results of a psychological evaluation (stop order will be issued until this is completed). Motion made; Sheriff Eggleton seconded Cpl. Gentry. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast
11. Agenda Item 9C – Tab 7 –Joshua Hall to be approved and hired by the Dunbar Police Department. Motion made; Sgt. Jarvis seconded Mayor James. Ms. Welch abstained; the motion was approved.
12. Agenda Item 9D -Tab 8 – Tyler Harris to be approved without additional training and hired by the Stonewood Police Department. Motion made; Sheriff Coffman seconded Chief Roberts. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast
13. Agenda Item 9E Tab 9 – Consideration of Christopher Lough to have his certification reactivated in addition to completing 16 hours of training, including one firearm qualification within ninety days of being hired. Motion made; Sgt. Jarvis seconded Chief McMeil. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast
14. Agenda Item 9F – Tab 10 – Consideration of William Blatt to be hired by the Pleasants County Sheriff's Department with the requirement of a visit with Dr. Clayman for a fitness for duty psychological evaluation. Motion made; Mayor Rogers seconded Sheriff Eggleton. Sgt. Jarvis abstained; the motion was approved.
15. Agenda Item 10 tab 11 – Personnel Change in Status Report. Motion made; Sheriff Eggleton 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; a motion was made by Sheriff Eggleton, seconded by Mayor James to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.