

**LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE
Stonewall Resort
40 Resort Drive
Roanoke, West Virginia 26447**

September 25, 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
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:

Sergeant Matt Jarvis Representing
WV Troopers Association

STAFF:

Ms. Tina Desmond, Director DAS
Ret. Capt. Jess Gundy, Director LEPS
Mrs. Jaucelyn Egnor, Admin Secretary

GUESTS:

Sheriff Bobby Eggleton

The September 25, 2025, meeting of the Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Walker. 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 – August 28, 2025, LEPS minutes were presented for approval. Motion made, Chief Johnson 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, Sheriff Coffman seconded Mayor Barrett. 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, and C) Supervisory In-Service Courses, motion made, Sheriff Coffman seconded, Ms. Welch to approve all 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 – Tab 1– Approval of the Subcommittee for the WVSP 75th Cadet Class Accelerated Training Course. Motion made Sheriff Woodyard, seconded, Captain Goodson. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
6. Agenda Item 6 Tab 2 – Consideration of the Revised Policies and Procedures of the Academy. Motion made, Sheriff Coffman seconded Captain Goodson to approve modifications. 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, Chief Johnson seconded; Mayor Barrett approved unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. Motion made, Sheriff Woodyard seconded, Chief Johnson, 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 11:23 a.m. no action having been taken during the executive session on any of the items discussed.

7. Agenda Item 7A – Tab 3 - Consideration of Officer Knepshield's out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia and admitted into the Equivalency Class at the Academy. Officer One withdrew the request. There was no motion made and no vote cast.

8. Agenda Item 7B – Tab 4 – Consideration of Officer Dingess' request for Veteran's Hospital Certification be transferred to West Virginia. Motion made, Mayor Barrett, seconded Mayor Matheny to deny the transfer and recommended that Officer Two enter the WVSP Academy Basic Class. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
9. Agenda Item 7C Tab 5 – Consideration of Officer Frazier's US Forest Service Certification be transferred to West Virginia. Motion made, Mayor Barrett, seconded Mayor Matheny. The motion was approved by majority vote with one member abstaining.
10. Agenda Item 7D Tab 6 – Consideration for retired Officer Orndorff's out of state certification be transferred to West Virginia. Officer Orndorff did not show and was tabled until the next Subcommittee meeting. There was no motion made and no vote cast.
11. Agenda Item 8A Tab 7 – Consideration for Officer Bruce's certification to be reactivated. Motion made, Sheriff Coffman seconded Sheriff Woodyard, to table Officer Bruce and schedule him for the October meeting with his Chief accompanying him. Additionally a Stop Work Order sent to the Officer before the next Subcommittee meeting. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
12. Agenda Item 8B Tab 8 – Consideration for Officer Weisal's certification to be reactivated. Motion made, Sheriff Woodyard, seconded Captain Goodson. The motion was approved by majority vote with one member abstaining.
13. Agenda Item 8C Tab 9 – Consideration for Officer Gibb's certification to be reactivated. Motion made, Sheriff Coffman seconded, Mayor Barrett. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
14. Agenda Item 8D Tab 10 – Consideration for Officer Young's certification to be reactivated. Motion made, Sheriff Woodyard seconded, Mayor Matheny. The motion was approved by majority vote with one member abstaining.
15. Agenda Item 9 Tab 11 - Consideration for Personnel Change in Status Report. Motion made, Chief Johnson seconded Sheriff Coffman 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 Ms. Welch seconded Sheriff Woodyard to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.