

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

**May 28,2026**

**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 City of Winfield WV  
Mayor Rob Matheny Representing Public-at-Large  
Retired Cpl. David Gentry Representing WV Deputy  
Sheriffs Association

**MEMBERS REPRESENTED:** Chief Shawn Schwerfeger WV Chiefs of Police  
Represented by Chief Eric Johnson  
Colonel James Mitchell WVSP Represented by  
Capt. Aaron Wood  
Sherriff Rick Woodyard, WV Sheriff's Association  
Represented by Sheriff Bobby Eggleton  
Chief Daren McNeil WV FOP Represented by  
Chairman Steve Walker  
Colonel Bobby Cales,WV DNR Represented, by  
Captain Warren Goodson

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Sergeant Matt Jarvis Representing  
WV Trooper's Association

**STAFF:** Krista Ferrel, Assistant Director DAS  
Ret. Capt. Jess Gundy, Director LEPS  
Ms. Paula Dickens, Executive Secretary

**GUESTS:** April Darnell, Assistant Director DAS

The May 28, 2026, meeting of the Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee was called to order at 9 a.m. by Chairman Steve 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 – April 30, 2026, LEPS minutes were presented for approval. Motion made; Sheriff Mike Coffman seconded Mayor 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; Sheriff Bobby Eggleton seconded Ms. 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, B) Supervisory and C) Combination in-service. Motion made; Mayor Randy Barrett seconded Chief Eric Johnson 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; Sheriff Mike Coffman seconded Mayor Randy Barrett 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 203<sup>rd</sup> Basic Class Schedule. Motion made; Chief Eric Johnson; seconded Mayor Randy Barrett to approve the schedule. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
6. Agenda Item 6 Tab 2 WVSP Academy 78<sup>th</sup> Cadet Class Schedule. Motion made; Sheriff Mike Coffman; seconded Chief Eric Johnson to approve the schedule.

The Subcommittee went into executive session at 9:05 a.m. Motion made; Mayor Rob Matheny seconded Chief Eric Johnson 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 11:15 am. Motion made; Sheriff Bobby Eggleton seconded 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 – Austin Twyman Motion made; Sheriff Mike Coffman Seconded Mayor Rob Matheny to attend the two-week recertification. The motion passed without discussion and no negative votes cast.

- 8 Agenda Item 7 (B) Tab 4 – Equivalency Request – Christian Sanger. Motion made; Sheriff Bobby Eggleton seconded Sheriff Mike Coffman, to attend the two-week recertification. The motion was approved without any discussion and no negative votes cast. One Member Abstained
- 9 Agenda Item 8 (A) Tab 5 – Criminal Arrest Review for Basic Applicant- Hakim Johnson. Motion made; Retired Cpl. David Gentry seconded Captain Warren Goodson to attend the full academy. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 10 Agenda Item 9(A) Tab 6 - Reactivation of Certification Reviews – G.E. McCabe. Motion made; Mayor Rob Matheny seconded Chief Eric Johnson to attend the two-week recertification. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 11 Agenda Item 9(B) Tab 7 - Reactivation of Certification Reviews – John Franklin. Motion made; Chief Eric Johnson seconded Mayor Rob Matheny, to attend the two-week recertification. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 12 Agenda Item 9(C) Tab 8 - Reactivation of Certification Reviews – Christopher Parsons. Motion made; Mayor Randy Barrett. Seconded Sheriff Mike Coffman to attend the two-week recertification. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 13 Agenda Item 9 (D) Tab 9 - Reactivation of Certification – David Corley. Motion made; Mayor Rob Matheny Seconded Mayor Randy Barrett to proceed with employment at the New Martinsville Police Dept. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 14 Agenda Item 9 (E) Tab 10 - Reactivation of Certification – Ryan Johnson. Motion made; to not to proceed with activating his certification; Sheriff Bobby Eggleton Seconded Chief Eric Johnson. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 15 Agenda Item 10 Tab 11 Personnel Change in Status Motion made; Chief Eric Johnson to Approve the change in status with the exception of Ryan Johnson Seconded Ms. Tia Welch. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 16 Agenda Item 11 Adjournment. There being no further agenda items set for Discussion; meeting adjourned at 11:30 am. Motion made; Sheriff Bobby Eggleton seconded Ms. Tia Welch. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast.

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