

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

May 29, 2025

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Exec Director, Ms. Tia Welch Representing
WV Human Rights Commission
Retired Cpl. David Gentry Representing
WV Deputy Sheriff's Association
Sergeant Kevin Williams Representing
WV Troopers 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
Chief Lance Morrison, Representing
Public at Large Member
Sheriff Bobby Eggleton Representing
WV Sheriff's Association

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Randy Barrett Representing
WV Municipal League
Sheriff Mike Coffman Representing
WV Association of Counties

STAFF:

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

GUESTS:

Ms. Kaitlyn Powers, Esq. WV Department Homeland
Security

The May 29, 2025, meeting of the Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Walker. There were nine (9) members either present or represented, which represents a quorum of the Subcommittee membership, at the start of the meeting.

1. Agenda Item 1 – April 24, 2025, LEPS minutes were presented for approval. Motion made; Sgt. Williams seconded Chief Johnson 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 Johnson seconded, Sgt. Williams. 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, Capt. Goodson seconded, Sgt. Williams to approve both 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; Capt. Goodson seconded Chief Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
5. Agenda Item 5 Tabs 1, 2, 3 & 4 – Consideration for all four Instructor Level II Applications. Motion made; Sheriff Eggleton seconded Sgt. Williams. The motion was approved by majority vote with one member abstaining.

The Subcommittee went into executive session at 9:15 a.m. Motion made, Sgt. Williams seconded; Chief Johnson approved unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. Motion made, Sheriff Eggleton seconded, Chief Morrison, 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 11:50 a.m. no action having been taken during the executive session on any of the items discussed.

6. Agenda Item 6 – Tab 5 - Consideration for the WVSP Grant. Motion made, Sheriff Eggleton, seconded, Chief Morrison. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
7. Agenda Item 7A – Tab 6 – Consideration of Officer One's out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia and admitted into the Equivalency Class. Motion made, Sheriff Eggleton, seconded, Chief Morrison. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

8. Agenda Item 7B – Tab 7 – Consideration of Officer Two's out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia and admitted into the Equivalency Class. Motion made, Sheriff Eggleton, seconded Sgt. Williams to table this Officer until a background check can be obtained. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast
9. Agenda Item 7C Tab 8 – Consideration of Officer Three's out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia and admitted into the Equivalency Class. Motion made, Sheriff Eggleton, seconded Sgt. Williams to table this Officer until a background check can be obtained. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast
10. Agenda Item 8A Tab 9 – Consideration of Officer One's request to be allowed to reactivate Officer One's West Virginia Law Enforcement Certification. Motion made, Sgt. Williams, seconded Capt. Goodson to table this and allow Officer One to obtain more documentation of past training. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
11. Agenda Item 8B Tab 10 – Consideration of Officer Two's request to be allowed to reactivate Officer Two's West Virginia Law Enforcement Certification. Motion made; Sgt. Williams seconded Chief Johnson to allow Officer Two to apply for the Equivalency Course. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
12. Agenda Item 8C Tab 11 – Consideration of Officer Three's request to be allowed to reactivate Officer Three's West Virginia Law Enforcement Certification. Motion made, Sgt. Williams, seconded Chief Johnson to allow Officer Three to apply for the Equivalency Course. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
13. Agenda Item 8D Tab 12 – Consideration of Officer four's request to reactivate Officer Four's West Virginia Law Enforcement Certification. Motion made, Sheriff Eggleton, seconded Sgt. Williams to allow Officer Four to be reactivated with a recommendation that Officer Four must complete an established FTO Course. Officer Four should not engage in law enforcement activities and there will be a letter sent to the Mayor stating this as a recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
14. Agenda Item 12 Tab 13 – Consideration for Personnel Change in Status Report. Motion made, Sgt. Williams seconded Chief Johnson 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 Chief Morrison, seconded Sheriff Eggleton to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.