

Commission Meeting Number 322

State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety
Division of Criminal Justice

POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

April 4, 2018

Location: Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 4th Floor Conference Center

Commission Members Present

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Attendee(s)/Representative(s)</u>
Office of the Attorney General, State of New Jersey	John F. Cunningham
New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association	Michael Pellegrino
New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police	James Abbott
New Jersey League of Municipalities	Bruce Cocuzza
New Jersey State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police	James Sharrock (Ariel Cortez)
County Prosecutors' Association of New Jersey	Fredric Knapp
Sheriffs' Association of New Jersey	Robert Nolan
Police Academy Director's Association	Daniel Colucci (Rocco Miscia)
Commissioner-Department of Education	Carl Carabelli
Commissioner-Department of Corrections	Aaron Erven
Federal Bureau of Investigation	Jason DeMartino
New Jersey Juvenile Detention Association	Thomas Pollio
New Jersey State Parole Board	Samuel Plumeri
National Organization of Black Law	Jiles Shipt

Division of Criminal Justice Staff Present

Attorney General Gurbir Grewal

First Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Davenport

Assistant Attorney General Veronica Allende, Counsel to the Director, Division of Criminal Justice

Deputy Attorney General Analisa Holmes, PTC Counsel

Deputy Attorney General Sarah Luciano, Prosecution Supervision and Training Bureau

Deputy Attorney General Joseph Walsh, Prosecution Supervision and Training Bureau

Academy Coordinator Pat Jones, Police Training Commission

Field Representative Dion Feltri, Police Training Commission

Investigator John Janowiak, Prosecutor Supervision and Police Training Commission

**Police Training Commission
Meeting Minutes for April 4, 2018**

Administrator John F. Cunningham called the 322nd meeting of the Commission to order at 11:15 a.m.

Administrator Cunningham led the Commissioners in the flag salute. Commissioner Cunningham asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the Law Enforcement and Military personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

DAG Sarah Luciano announced that “notice of the Commission meeting has been publicized in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law by notification to the Secretary of State and five newspapers. The notifications included a copy of the meeting agenda.”

SDAG Analisa Holmes introduced Attorney General Gurbir Grewal, First Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Davenport, and Counsel to the Attorney General Veronica Allende to Commissioners

General Grewal thanked Commissioners for their dedication to law enforcement officer training. He noted the critically important work that the PTC does and stands ready to offer assistance that the PTC needs to effectively train the next generation of law enforcement officers. He also wanted to introduce the leadership team to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Sharrock thanked the Attorney General and his Executive Team for coming and introducing themselves. He feels that their appearance is a sign of the Attorney General’s commitment to law enforcement.

Administrator Cunningham asked the Commissioners to consider the minutes of the February 5, 2018 Commission meeting. Commissioner James Sharrock made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner Daniel Colucci seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted to approve the motion.

Administrator Cunningham asked Chairperson Carabelli to report on the business of the Appeals and Legislation Committee.

1. Commissioner Carabelli reported the following appeals were received since February 5, 2018 PTC Meeting:

Vanessa Pagan v. Essex County College Public Safety Academy
Vincent Conti v. Division of Criminal Justice Academy
Jennell Elliott v. New Jersey State Police Academy
Megan Grover v. Morris County Public Safety Training Academy
Lauren Shalabi v. Passaic County Police Academy

2. Commissioner Carabelli reported the following appeals were forwarded to the Office of Administrative Law since February 5, 2018 PTC Meeting:

Humza Abdul-Haqq v. New Jersey State Police Training Academy
Megan Grover v. Morris County Public Safety Training Academy
Lauren Shalabi v. Passaic County Police Academy

3. Commissioner Carabelli reported the following Initial Decision was received from the Office of Administrative Law since February 5, 2018 PTC Meeting:

Donald Charles v. Essex County College Public Safety Academy
Manuel Parra v. Bergen County Police Academy
Kevin Washington v. New Jersey State Police Academy
Ebony Bailey v. New Jersey State Police Academy
Anthony Rubbe v. New Jersey Department of Corrections Training Academy

Commissioner Carabelli, on behalf of the Appeals and Legislation Committee, moved and seconded a motion to affirm and adopt all five Initial Decisions. Commissioner Erven abstained from voting in Anthony Rubbe v. New Jersey Department of Corrections Training Academy.

4. Commissioner Carabelli reported the following appeals were withdrawn since February 2018 PTC Meeting:

Timothy Hurley v. Essex County College Public Safety Academy
Justin Laureano v. Morris County Public Safety Training Academy
Sean Thornton v. Monmouth County Police Academy
Vanessa Pagan v. Essex County College Public Safety Academy
Laurette Slattery v. Morris County Public Safety Training Academy

5. Consideration of Extensions of Training Time for County Corrections Officers and Juvenile Detention Officers.

Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Two County Corrections Officers (Union County Corrections)

Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Three Juvenile Detention Officers (Burlington County Juvenile Detention Center)

Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Juvenile Detention Officer Joseph Schroll (Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center)

Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Youth Worker
Collins Days (NJ Juvenile Justice Commission)

Commissioner Carabelli, on behalf of the Appeals and Legislation Committee, moved and seconded a motion to grant the six-month extensions of training time requests. The Commissioners voted to approve the motion.

Commissioner Carabelli concluded the Appeals and Legislation Committee Report

6. Administrator Cunningham asked Chairman James Sharrock to report on the business of the Standards Committee.

- 6A Consideration of a Request from Sheriff Gilbert Wilson, Camden County Sheriff's Office, for an Extension of Alternate Route Eligibility for Jonathan Yoder
 - The Standards Committee approved the extension with the attached training schedule

- 6B Consideration of a Request from PTC Administrator John Cunningham for Updates to Basic Course for Police Officers/SLEO II and Basic Course for Investigators
 - The Standards Committee approved the extension.

- 6C Consideration of a Request from PTC Administrator John Cunningham for Clarification Concerning Waivers from SLEO II to BCPO for Individuals Appointed as Police Officers into Part-Time Positions
 - Commissioners discussed concerns with permanent part-time police officers and the SLEO II to BCPO waiver. No action taken.

- 6D **Report** of a Request from Ocean County Police Academy Director Brian Klimakowski to Conduct a SLEO II to BCPO Waiver Only Class

- 6E **Report** of a Request from Monmouth County Police Academy Director Darryl Breckenridge to Conduct a SLEO II to BCPO Waiver Only Class

Commissioner Sharrock concluded the Standards Committee report.

7. Administrator Cunningham asked Commissioner Colucci for a Status Report of the Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund (LEOTEF). Commissioner Colucci

reported that all fifteen police academies had returned their contracts. Twelve contracts were signed and funds dispersed. Three contracts are still under review.

8. Administrator Cunningham reported on the status of the new PTC computer system. PTC staff continues to have regular discussions with vendor. These discussions have allowed for additional functionality in the system. A demonstration was done for PTC staff. The PTC staff is continuing to discuss how police departments going forward will access the Acadis system.

9. Humane Law Enforcement Officer Course

Administrator Cunningham and Deputy Attorney General Walsh updated commissioners on the new Humane Law Enforcement Office course that will be forthcoming. The new course creates a training program that will properly train those appointed to be humane law enforcement officers under the new law. The commissioners will be presented with the new course at the June PTC meeting.

10. Administrator Cunningham asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public.

Administrator Cunningham asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:12p.m. Commissioner Sharrock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nolan seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted to approve the motion.