

**DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION**

Police Training Commission Meeting #329

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

AGENDA

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

- Call to Order
- Salute to the Flag
- Announcement Concerning the "Open Public Meetings Law"
- Correspondence from Captain Jason Love, Office of the Bergen County Prosecutor, in reference to Bergen County Academy Administration
- Correspondence from Patrick Colligan, State President, New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association appointing Kevon Lyons as his designated representative for all future PTC meetings
- Correspondence from Director Michael A. Fedorko, Atlantic County Department of Public Safety, appointing Ed Thorton as Acting Academy Director

SECTION 1 Consideration of the **Minutes** of the Commission Meeting of April 3, 2019

Report by the Chairperson of the Appeals and Legislative Committee

SECTION 2 Appeals Received by the Police Training Commission

2A *Tajai Ford v. John H. Stamler Police Academy*
 Richard Frascati v. Ocean County Police Academy
 William Marroquin v. Bergen County Police Academy

2B **Appeals Referred to the Office of Administrative Law**

None

2C Appeals Withdrawn by Petitioner at Office of Administrative Law or PTC

- 1) *Niove A. Ramirez v. Hudson County Department of Corrections*
- 2) *Javia Tucker v. Mercer County Police Academy*
- 3) *Joseph Mazza v. Morris County Public Safety Training Academy*
- 4) *David Harrington v. John H. Stamler Police Academy*

2D Failure To Appear

- 1) *Katrina Thompson v. Essex County College Public Safety Academy*

Initial Decisions Received from the Office of Administrative Law

- 1) *Anipsel Anziani v. Passaic County Police Academy*
The Initial Decision grants defendant's motion for summary decision finding that because trainee resigned from her employer, Passaic Police Department, the appeal from her dismissal of the Passaic County Police Academy is moot.
- 2) *Shaquita Cook v. Monmouth County Police Academy*
This Initial Settlement Decision accepts the settlement agreed to by the parties. Under the settlement agreement, in lieu of the recruit's mandatory dismissal for cause, from the Academy, her record will reflect that she did not pass due to administrative reasons. There will be no bar to her re-enrolling in the Academy should another law enforcement agency hire her and send her to the Academy.
- 3) *Meagan Gundry v. John H. Stamler Police Academy*
In this consolidated appeal, the Office of Administrative Law found that the recruit failed to fully participate in twenty (20) sessions at the Academy. The ALJ concludes that the recruit was dismissed from the Academy for good cause, and that the Academy properly dismissed the recruit for failing to meet the universal PT standards.
- 4) *Hector E. Ojeda, Jr. v. Morris County Public Safety Training Academy*
In this consolidated appeal, the Office of Administrative Law accepted the settlement reached by the parties. Under the agreement, the recruit pled guilty to one charge of conduct unbecoming a public employee. The parties agree, in lieu of removal from the Morris County Public Training Academy ("Morris Academy"), to allow the recruit to attend the next available Police Academy other than Morris Academy. The recruit will be responsible for all expenses relating to the attendance at the next Academy. The recruit will be on an unpaid leave of absence until successful completion of the academy and will not seek back pay.

SECTION 3 Proposed Legislation

None

SECTION 4 Consideration of Extensions of Training Time for County Corrections Officers, Juvenile Detention Officers and Police Officers

- 4A Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Eight County Corrections Officers (Salem County Correctional Facility).
- 4B Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for County Corrections Officer, Lyleiny Cordero (Somerset County Sheriff's Office).
- 4C Consideration of a Request for Two Juvenile Detention Officers, (Burlington County Juvenile Detention Center).
- 4D Consideration of a Request for Seven Juvenile Detention Officers, (Middlesex County Juvenile Detention Center).
- 4E Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Juvenile Detention Officer, Richard J. Luthcke (Sussex County Juvenile Detention Center).

Conclusion of the Report of the Appeals and Legislative Committee

Report by the Chairperson of the Standards Committee

SECTION 5 Curriculum Issues

- 5A Consideration of curriculum updates to the BCPO and BCI courses.
- 5B Consideration of Waiver Curricula for Special Law Enforcement Class III Officers.

SECTION 6 Academy Issues

- 6A Consideration of a **Request** from Captain Terrence Kenny, Maywood Police Department, to appeal the Waiver Denial for Andrew J. Mulligan.

- 6B Commission's Request to discuss and review the Morristown and Erie Railroad Enrichment Waivers process.

SECTION 7 Instructor Issues

- 7A Consideration of a **Request** from Director Aaron Erven, N.J. Department of Corrections Training Academy, to revoke the PTC Instructor Certification for Instructor, Artemio Rivera.
- 7B Consideration of a **Request** from Director Aaron Erven, N.J. Department of Corrections Training Academy, to revoke the PTC Instructor Certification for Instructor, Ernest Farley.
- 7C Consideration of a **Request** from Director Eric Mason, John H. Stamler Police Academy, to revoke the PTC Instructor Certification for Instructor, Kenneth Gerhart.
- 7D Consideration of a **Request** from Atlantic County Public Safety Director, Michael Fedorko, to revoke the PTC Instructor Certification for Instructor, Sidney Terrell.

Conclusion of the Report of the Standards Committee

SECTION 8 Reports/LEOTEF

- 8A Status Report of the Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund (LEOTEF)

SECTION 9 Committees & Special Reports

- 9A PTC Computer System Update

SECTION 10 Miscellaneous

- 10A Good and Welfare
- 10B Public Comments

Next Commission Meeting is Wednesday, August 7, 2019