

Commission Meeting Number 330

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

**POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION**

Minutes of Commission Meeting

August 7, 2019

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	Kevin Lyons
New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police	James Abbott
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 A. Nolan
Police Academy Director's Association	Daniel Colucci (Thomas DePaul)
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, Jr.
National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives	Absent
Citizen Member—Governor's Appointment	Vacant
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New Jersey League of Municipalities

Absent

New Jersey Jail Wardens Association

Michael Tolerico

New Jersey State Police

Domingo De Los Santos (Alternate)

Division of Criminal Justice Staff Present

Deputy Attorney General Robert Czepiel, Deputy Bureau Chief

Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Barile, Deputy Chief, Prosecution Supervision and Training Bureau

Deputy Attorney General Emily Anderson, Prosecution Supervision and Training Bureau

Academy Coordinator Pat Jones, Police Training Commission

Academy Coordinator Tykeria T. Lockhart, Police Training Commission

Field Representative Dion Feltri, Police Training Commission

Field Representative John Janowiak, Police Training Commission

**Police Training Commission  
Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2019**

Administrator John F. Cunningham called the 328<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission to order at 11:48 am.

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.

Academy Coordinator Tykeria T. Lockhart 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.”

Administrator Cunningham asked the Commissioners to consider the minutes of the June 5, 2019 Commission meeting. Commissioner Dan Colucci made a motion to table the approval of the minutes until the October 2, 2019 to allow time for corrections to be made. Commissioner Sharrock 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 instructor certification revocation appeal was received since the June 5, 2019 PTC Meeting:

*Revocation of the PTC Certification of Lt. Ernest L. Farley*

Commissioner Carabelli reported that Lieutenant Farley appeals the revocation of his PTC Instructor Certification based on an email that he wrote to his department’s Office of Integrated Technology. Commissioner Carabelli, on behalf of the Appeals and Legislation Committee, moved and seconded a motion to modify the instructor revocation to a two year suspension. The Commissioners voted to approve the motion. Commissioner Erven abstained.

2. Commissioner Carabelli reported the following appeals were received since the June 5, 2019 PTC Meeting:

*Leavander Jones v. New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice Academy*

Commissioner Carabelli, on behalf of the Appeals and Legislation Committee, moved and seconded a motion to refer the appeal to the Office of Administrative Law. The

Commissioners approved the motion.

*Christina Mansueto v. Ocean County Police Academy*

Commissioner Carabelli, on behalf of the Appeals and Legislation Committee, moved and seconded a motion to refer the appeal to the Office of Administrative Law. The Commissioners approved the motion.

3. Commissioner Carabelli reported the following appeals were forwarded to the Office of Administrative Law.

*Tajai Ford v. John H. Stamler Police Academy*

*Richard Frascati v. Ocean County Police Academy*

4. Commissioner Carabelli reported that the following appeals were withdrawn by petitioner at Office of Administrative Law or PTC.

*Clarisa Borges v. John H. Stamler Police Academy*

*Rowan Mahgoub v. Bergen County Police Academy*

Commissioner Carabelli reported that no further action was taken.

5. Commissioner Carabelli reported that the following appeal was a failure to appear:

*Al-Mustafa Ingram v. New Jersey Department of Corrections Training Academy*

Commissioner Carabelli, on behalf of the Appeals and Legislation Committee, moved and seconded a motion to uphold the dismissal and consider the matter closed. The Commissioners approved the motion. Commissioner Erven abstained.

6. Commissioner Carabelli reported the following Initial Decisions were received from the Office of Administrative Law since the June 5, 2019 PTC Meeting:

*Humza Abdul-Haqq v. New Jersey State Police Training Academy*

The Initial Decision affirms the dismissal of the recruit for filing a false accusation against another recruit and other rules violations. The ALJ weighed testimony and found the recruit's testimony inconsistent and not credible.

Commissioner Carabelli, on behalf of the Appeals and Legislation Committee, moved and seconded a motion to uphold the dismissal. The commissioners approved the motion. Alternate Commissioner, De Los Santos abstained.

7. Commissioner Carabelli reported the following Final Decisions were issued since the

June 5, 2019 PTC Meeting:

*William Marroquin v. Bergen County Police Academy* – not sent to OAL  
*Anipsel Anziani v. Passaic County Police Academy*  
*Shaquita Cook v. Monmouth County Police Academy*  
*Meagan Gundry v. John H. Stamler Police Academy*  
*Hector E. Ojeda, Jr. v. Morris County Public Safety Training Academy*

8. 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 Two County Corrections Officers (Bergen County Sheriff's Office).

Commissioner Carabelli, on behalf of the Appeals and Legislation Committee, moved and seconded a motion to deny the request. The motion was approved.

4B Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Five County Corrections Officers (Burlington County Department of Corrections).

4C Consideration of a Request for Two County Corrections Officers, (Cumberland County Department of Corrections).

4D Consideration of a Request for Two County Corrections Officers, (Passaic County Sheriff's Office).

4E Consideration of a Request for Six County Corrections Officers, (Salem County Correctional Facility).

4F Consideration of a Request for Two Dept. of Human Services Police Officers, (NJ Department of Human Services Police).

4G Consideration of a Request for Six Juvenile Detention Officers, (Bergen County Juvenile Detention Center).

4H Consideration of a Request for Juvenile Detention Officer, (George Chanturia (Sussex County Juvenile Detention)).

4I Consideration of a Request for Police Officer, Robert M. Swiston (East Rutherford Police).

4J Consideration of a Request for Youth Worker, Dante D. Williams (Atlantic Youth Center Harborfields).

Commissioner Carabelli, on behalf of the Appeals and Legislation Committee, moved and seconded a motion to combine Agenda Items 4B- 4J as a consent agenda and to approve the extensions of training time requests. The Commissioners voted to approve the motion.

**Commissioner Carabelli concluded the Appeals and Legislation Committee Report**

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

1. Commissioner Sharrock indicated that **Agenda Item 5A** was a Consideration of curriculum updates to the BCPO and BCI courses. Commissioner Sharrock reported that the item was moot as no materials were submitted for review.
2. Commissioner Sharrock indicated that **Agenda Item 6A** was a Review of a Report from Supervising Investigator, John R. Janowiak, in regards to the Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute Alternate Route Program.

Commissioner Sharrock indicated that the report was found to be extremely acceptable.

**Commissioner Sharrock concluded the Standards Committee report.**

Administrator Cunningham announced **Agenda Item 8A** was a Status Report of the Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund (LEOTEF).

LEOTEF Chairperson, Daniel Colucci reported that technical assistance in preparing quarterly expense reports has been provided. Supplemental academy requests for LEOTEF purchases also have been reviewed and approved. Quarterly expense reports 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2019 have been received from all academies. Currently, quarterly expense reports for the second quarter of 2019 are still being received and reviewed.

The LEOTEF Subcommittee recommends that the Commission approve the next distribution of the LEOTEF Fund - SFY 2019.

- The collections in the LEOTEF account from the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, (SFY 2019) totaled \$611,000.

- The LEOTEF Subcommittee voted and recommended a distribution of \$610,993.00 (\$7.00 remaining in the general LEOTEF account).

This distribution and calculation is consistent with the Commission approved single distribution and formula for the LEOTEF Fund SFY 2018. The 31th distribution is based on a formula where each PTC approved academy is allocated \$200/per recruit for basic courses and a \$3/per recruit for instructor courses.

Administrator Cunningham announced **Agenda Item 8B** was the Consideration of a Request from PTC Administrator, John F. Cunningham, to utilize a LEOTEF grant for purchasing work vehicles for PTC staff.

Commissioner Colucci made a motion to table the matter until the October PTC Meeting. Commissioner Sharrock seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Administrator Cunningham announced **Agenda Item 9A** was the PTC's Computer System Update. Administrator Cunningham reported that effective August 22, 2019, PTC staff will begin implementation of Acadis. Internal training will take place from August 12-14. Phase II of the project is to be determined.

Administrator Cunningham asked if there were any comments from the public. Lt. Farley, DOC, thanked the Appeals Committee and full commission.

**Administrator Cunningham announced the next meeting is Wednesday, October 2, 2019.**

Administrator Cunningham asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 am. Commissioner Sharrock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nolan seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted to approve the motion.