

Commission Meeting Number 332

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

POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

December 4, 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	Scott Coffina
Sheriffs' Association of New Jersey	Robert A. Nolan (Absent)
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 (Absent)
New Jersey State Parole Board	Samuel Plumeri, Jr.
National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives	Jiles Ship (Absent)
Citizen Member—Governor's Appointment	Vacant
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New Jersey League of Municipalities

Samuel DeMaio

New Jersey Jail Wardens Association

Michael Tolerico

New Jersey State Police

Domingo De Los Santos (Alternate)

New Jersey State Police

Captain Christopher Vozzo

Division of Criminal Justice Staff Present

Deputy Attorney General Robert Czepiel, Deputy Bureau Chief, Prosecution Supervision and Training Bureau

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

Deputy Attorney General Sarah Luciano, Prosecution Supervision and Training Bureau

Deputy Attorney General Stephen Wenger, Prosecution Supervision and Training Bureau

Field Representative Dion Feltri, Police Training Commission

Field Representative John Janowiak, Police Training Commission

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Administrator John F. Cunningham called the 332nd meeting of the Commission to order at 11:02 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.

Special Services Jennifer O'Brien 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 announced that the new director of the Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute Police, Fire & EMS Academies is Ron Arroyave.

Administrator Cunningham asked the Commissioners to consider the minutes of the October 2, 2019, Commissioners voted to approve the minutes.

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 October 2, 2019 PTC Meeting:

Revocation of the PTC Instructor Certification for Sidney Terrell

Commissioner Carabelli, on behalf of the Appeals and Legislation Committee, moved and seconded a motion to uphold the instructor revocation. The Commissioners voted to approve the motion. Kevin Lyons and Domingo De Los Santos opposed. Commissioner Colluci abstained.

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

*Michael A. Romero v. Essex County Police Academy
Jason Martin v. Mercer County Police Academy
Chantell Diaz v. John H. Stamler Police Academy
Celia Vaughn v. Passaic County Police Academy
Renee T. Wilson v. Passaic 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 referred to the Office of Administrative Law.

Norberto Batista, Jr. v. Bergen County Police Academy

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

Michael Neves v. John H. Stamler

Commissioner Carabelli reported that no further action was taken.

5. Commissioner Carabelli reported that the following Initial Decisions were issued since the October 2, 2019 PTC Meeting:

Kevin J. Baxter, Jr. v. Cape May County Police Academy

Ryan Andrick v. Cape May County Police Academy

Commissioner Carabelli, on behalf of the Appeals and Legislation Committee, moved and seconded a motion to accept Initial Decisions.

Consideration of Proposed Legislation/Academy Certification/Re-Certification.

- 3A Consideration of a Request from the Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute for Academy Certification for 3 years. Motion carries.
- 3B Consideration of a Request from the Cape May County Public Safety Training Center Academy Certification for 3 years contingent on receipt of fire inspection approval. Motion carries.
- 3C Consideration of a Request from the Gloucester County Police Academy for Academy Certification for 3 years. Motion Carries.
- 3D Consideration of a Request from the Monmouth County Police Academy Re-Certification for 3 years. Motion carries.
- 3E Consideration of a Request from the Morris County Public Safety Training

Academy for Academy Re-Certification for 3 years. Motion carries.
Commissioner Daniel Colucci abstained.

- 3F Consideration of a Request from the Passaic County Police Academy for Academy Re-Certification for 3 years. Motion carries.
- 3G Consideration of a Request from the John H. Stamler Police Academy for Academy Re-Certification for 3 years. Motion carries.

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 County Corrections Officer, Beth Rhodes (Salem County Correctional Facility).
- 4B Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Three Humane Law Enforcement Officers (Glen Rock Police Department).
- 4C Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Juvenile Detention Officer, Richard J. Luthcke (Sussex County juvenile Detention Center).

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

Commissioner Carabelli concluded the Appeals and Legislation Committee Report

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

- 5. Commissioner Sharrock indicated that **Agenda Item 5A** was a Consideration of Waiver Curriculum for the Basic Course for County Correctional Police Officer (BCCCO) to Sheriff's Officer (BCPO).

Commissioner Sharrock made a motion to approve the curriculum. Motion carries. No opposed. Commissioner Colucci made a motion to a stand-alone course ran with a minimum of 15 recruits. Motion carries. No opposed.

- 6. Commissioner Sharrock indicated that **Agenda Item 6A** was a discussion concerning the Pre-Academy Physical Fitness standard.

DAG Jeffrey Barile reported that advice from PTC counsel is to form a subcommittee to determine what standards to use. Then move forward at the February meeting with the rulemaking process. Any standard implemented should roll out with prep classes available at the academies and website notifications with descriptions of the requirements.

Standards committee made a motion to form a subcommittee with Commissioners Sharrock, Colucci, Abbott, Erven and Lyons to determine a standard. Commissioner Sharrock made a motion to approve the subcommittee, Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carries, no opposed.

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 for the 3rd quarter of 2019 have been received from all academies except for NJSP and DCJ.

Administrator Cunningham announced **Agenda Item 9A** was the PTC's Computer System Update. Administrator Cunningham reported that ACADIS System is up and running. PTC staff is working in and with the system.

Administrator Cunningham announced that Academy Coordinator Tykeria Lockhart is out on medical leave until the end of January 2020.

Commissioner Colucci told Administrator Cunningham he had completed his first submission with the new computer system ACADIS. He hopes that the implementation date to roll out to academies will be moved up. Administrator Cunningham stated he hoped it would be out to all academies by March.

Administrator Cunningham announced **Agenda Item 10A** was Good and Welfare. Administrator Cunningham announced the 2020 Commission Meeting Dates:

February 3, 2020

April 1, 2020

June 3, 2020

August 5, 2020

October 7, 2020

December 2, 2020

Administrator Cunningham announced the next meeting is Monday, February 3, 2020.

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Administrator Cunningham asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 am. Commissioner Sharrock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Colucci seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted to approve the motion.