

Commission Meeting Number 339

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

POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

April 7, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting

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	Angelo Onofri
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	Elisabete Santos
New Jersey Juvenile Detention Association	Thomas Pollio
New Jersey State Parole Board	James Dickenson
National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives	Jiles Ship (John L. Smith)
Citizen Member—Governor's Appointment	James Polos
Citizen Member—Governor's Appointment	Vacant

New Jersey League of Municipalities

Samuel DeMaio

New Jersey Jail Wardens Association

Oscar Aviles

New Jersey State Police

Christopher Vozzo

Division of Criminal Justice Staff Present

Deputy Attorney General Stephen Wenger, Prosecution Supervision and Training Bureau

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 Forest Kairos, Police Training Commission

Academy Coordinator Debbie Freeman, Police Training Commission

Analyst, Tykeria T. Lockhart, Police Training Commission

Field Representative Dion Feltri, Police Training Commission

Field Representative John Janowiak, Police Training Commission

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Administrator John F. Cunningham called the 339th meeting of the Commission to order at 11:00 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.

Analyst 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 February 1, 2021 Commission meeting. Commissioner James Sharrock made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Lyons 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 the February 1, 2021 meeting:

Mary Porter v. Mercer County Police Academy

Recruit appeals from dismissal based on her failure to attend at least 90% of the total instructional time scheduled. Put back on agenda for reconsideration in light of Mary’s letter as part of her Notice of Appeal.

Commissioner Carabelli, on behalf of the Appeals and Legislation, made a motion to uphold the dismissal. Commissioner Onofri abstained. The commissioners voted to approve the motion.

OTajai Ford v. Stamler Police Academy

Letter submitted by recruit’s new counsel after previous attorney withdrew the appeal. Note – Tajai Ford does not currently have an appointment with an agency.

Commissioner Carabelli, on behalf of the Appeals and Legislation, made a motion to uphold the dismissal. Commissioner Ship abstained. The commissioners voted to approve the motion.

Chang Eom Han v. Bergen County Police Academy

Recruit appeals from 2/17/2021 dismissal for failure to complete the push-up component of the physical fitness assessment. Presented doctor's note indicating a diagnosis of tennis elbow. ***This appeal was withdrawn on 3/16/2021 – no further action needed.***

Diamond Roman v. Bergen County Police Academy

Recruit appeals from 3/10/2021 dismissal from academy for failure to complete multiple portions of the physical fitness assessment.

Commissioner Carabelli, on behalf of the Appeals and Legislation, made a motion to uphold the dismissal. Commissioner Pollio abstained. The commissioners voted to approve the motion.

Byron Molina v. Essex County College Public Safety Academy

Withdrawn at OAL by letter from counsel on September 2, 2020. No action needed.

Jeruan McMillan v. Passaic County Police Academy

Ryan Elizabeth Finn v. Atlantic County Police Academy

Final Decisions Issued – no action needed

2. Consideration of **Extensions of Training Time** for Juvenile Detention Officers, and Youth Workers

4A Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Juvenile Detention Officer, James K. Adekunle.

4B Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Four Juvenile Detention Officers (Essex County Juvenile Detention Center).

4C Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Two Youth Workers (Atlantic Youth Center Harborfields).

Commissioner Carabelli, on behalf of the Appeals and Legislation Committee, moved and seconded a motion to combine Agenda Items 4A through 4C as a consent agenda and to approve the extensions of training time requests with the exception of the request for JDO, Larry C. Terry, Essex County Juvenile Detention Center, which was denied as JDO Terry never showed up for basic training. The motion carried and was approved.

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 6A** was a **Report** of a Virtual Training Approval for the NJ Division of Criminal Justice Academy.

On Saturday, February 6, 2021, Administrator Cunningham received a request from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice Academy, in reference to virtual training accommodation for Waiver Recruit Anthony Zino, Burlington County Prosecutors Office. Recruit Zino's two year old son had tested positive for COVID 19, therefore, Recruit Zino was required to quarantine for fourteen days. The academy requested that Recruit Zino be allowed to receive five days of virtual instruction, and the remaining missed instructional days would be made up in a live classroom setting.

The request was reviewed and approved for five days of virtual instruction.

Commissioner Sharrock, on behalf of the Standards Committee, moved and seconded a motion to allow PTC staff to deny any further requests for virtual academy training and to eliminate the process of virtual basic training. Commissioner Polos seconded the motion. The commissioners voted to approve the motion.

2. Commissioner Sharrock indicated that **Agenda Item 6B** was a **Report of a Request** from Morris County Police Academy for Satellite Certification of Drew University Athletic Center.
3. Commissioner Sharrock indicated that **Agenda Item 6C** was a **Report of a Request** from Gloucester County Police Academy for Satellite Certification of Washington Township High School Track.

Commissioner Sharrock concluded the Standards Committee report.

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

LEOTEF Chairperson, Daniel Colucci stated that quarterly expense reports for the 4th quarter of 2020 are being reviewed and processed. Technical assistance in preparing quarterly expense reports has been provided. Supplemental academy requests for LEOTEF purchases also have been reviewed and approved. All police academies received their applications/contracts for

SFY 2021 LEOTEF Funds (32nd distribution). Thirteen contracts have been returned and reviewed. The remaining three contracts have not been returned as of the date of this report.

Administrator Cunningham reported that **Agenda Item 10A was Good and Welfare.**

Commissioner Lyons reported that there was a data breach with the myNJ website that many were unaware of. He also mentioned that he would invite a representative from NJ OIT to the next PTC meeting to give more information.

Administrator Cunningham announced the next meeting is Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Administrator Cunningham asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Nolan voted to approve the motion. Commissioner Colucci seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.