

**MINNESOTA BOARD OF
PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

**BOARD MEETING
POST Board Office
Electronic Meeting VIA Microsoft Teams
April 22, 2021**

Members Present

Kelly McCarthy, Chair
Jason Bennett
Jay DeCoux
Andrew Evans
Jennifer Foster
Tanya Gladney
Luke Hennen
Justin Page
Nigel Perrote
Sara Rice
Liz Richards
Shelly Schaefer
Pilar Stier
Rebecca Swanson
Justin Terrell
Troy Wolbersen
Jim Yang (via phone)

Staff Present

Erik Misselt
Jeff Winger
Mark Bloom
Abby Brown
Rebecca Gaspard
Angie Rohow

Counsel Present:

Noah Cashman, A.G. Office
Christopher Kaisershot, A.G
Office

Others Present

Angela Rose Myers
Rep. Carlos Mariani
Brian Fullman
Theo Rose

Invitation to listen to the live meeting
was listed on the website.

Call to Order: Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Forum: Per instructions on the posted agenda, there were four individuals that requested to speak during the forum.

Angela Rose Myers from the Minneapolis NAACP testified in support of the request for a state model policy for peaceful protests as attached amendment to the Agenda Item 5. She has collected a petition signed by over 1,200 statewide citizens in support of this recommendation as well.

Representative Chair Carlos Mariani addressed the Board in favor of the request before the board stating that it is refreshing and he encouraged the board to objectively review the proposal attached.

Brian Fullman, spoke on behalf of ISAI AH and the BBBC which are community organizations of faith leaders and black barbers (respectively) in Minnesota who seek to advance a more just Minnesota for their communities.

Approval of the Agenda: Chair McCarthy looked for a motion to approve the agenda.

- **MOTION:** Mr. Terrell moved to approve the agenda, the motion was seconded by Mr. DeCoux. The agenda was approved through a hand raise/voice vote.

Approval of the January 28, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes: Chair McCarthy looked for a motion to approve the minutes.

- **MOTION:** Mr. Bennett moved to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Ms. Swanson. The minutes were approved through an affirmative consent vote.

Ensuring Police Excellence and Improving Community Relations Advisory

Council: Chair McCarthy summarized the recommendations submitted by this council, which were included in the agenda packet. The two recommendations overview include:

1. Seeking a model policy regarding how police should conduct themselves when responding to first amendment assemblies
2. Seeking a mechanism for accountability to ensure that officers are following those policies

Theo Rose, Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage, stated that law enforcement and their communities need clear and simple guidelines that allow separation of good cops from bad cops and protestors separate from rioters.

Chair McCarthy recommended creating a working group (made up of members of POST Board staff, the Ensuring Police Excellence and Improving Community Relations Advisory Council and the Board's Rules Advisory Committee) to a develop model policy on public assembly and 1st amendment rights.

- **MOTION:** Mr. DeCoux moved to authorize an ad hoc committee to explore MN POST Board's current capacity and legal responsibility around rule making and officer's violations of department policy and to develop better alternatives. This group would be made up of members of POST Board staff, the Ensuring Police Excellence and Improving Community Relations Advisory Council and the Board's Rules Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gladney. The motion was approved through a roll call vote.

Standing Committees delegations: The Bylaws committee (an ad hoc committee) was determined by the Chair of the Committee as well as Chair McCarthy to no longer be needed, therefore will be dissolved. Chair McCarthy updated the board on committee assignments.

Rules Advisory Committee Update: Ms. Gaspard reviewed the rules making process for new Board members and where MN POST Board is in this process.

- **MOTION:** Mr. Terrell moved to begin the rulemaking process that adopts language from House File 593 in order to adopt a standard that prohibits law enforcement officers from associating with any White Supremacy organizations. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeCoux. The motion was approved through a roll call vote.

Executive Director's Report: Director Misselt gave an update on many items relating to the POST Board. The updates included hiring decisions for the Assistant Executive Director, Continuing Education Coordinators and Standards Coordinator positions.

Director Misselt discussed the Complaint Database development which is set to go live in the beginning of July.

- **MOTION:** Ms. Swanson moved to close the open portion of the meeting for private licensure matters, the motion was seconded. The vote was approved through a roll call vote.

The closed session ended and Mr. Hennen moved to adjourn the open board meeting, Mr. Terrell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training when it met on July 22, 2021.