

## MINNESOTA BOARD OF PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING

### Advisory Committee on POST Board Rules Overhaul Meeting Minutes Hybrid Meeting via Board Room and Microsoft Teams September 26, 2022

#### **Members Present**

Aaron Suomala-Fokerds  
Bryan Litsey  
David Bicking  
Elliot Butay  
Jack Serier  
Michelle Gross  
Pat Nelson  
Sara Edel  
Steven Soyka  
Theresa Paulson  
Tracy Stille  
Terry Stier

#### **Members Absent**

Bill Bolt  
Elisabeth Lee  
Gwen Degroff-Gunter  
Jean Cemensky  
Mark Fahning  
Raj Sethuraju  
Sherisse Truesdale-Moore  
Vincent Do

#### **Staff Present**

Mike Meehan  
Rebecca Gaspard  
Sarah Zastrow

#### **Others Present**

Gary Luloff  
Mark Schneider

Ms. Gaspard began the meeting at 1:32pm.

**Approval of the Agenda:** The Committee accepted the agenda.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes on 8/22/22:** The Committee accepted the minutes as drafted.

**Welcome Terry Stier – Quick Introductions:** Ms. Gaspard introduced Mr. Stier and requested that everyone provide a brief introduction of themselves. Mr. Stier introduced himself as the Chief of Police for the City of Belle Plaine. He also represents the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association where he is the Director and represents the Outstate Police Departments. All present members then introduced themselves to Mr. Stier.

**Updates:** Ms. Gaspard provided an update about the decisions that were made from the Board's meeting last week. The Board approved all of the proposed modifications in the Rules Draft and looked at the preliminary responses from the Board for all of the comments that were received. The Board asked for the hearing dates to be pushed back so that the rule modifications can be redistributed for everyone to review and comment. This is to be able to extend the opportunity for additional input. New hearing dates will be confirmed in a few days for the middle of November 2022. Once the hearing dates are confirmed notification will be sent out to everyone.

- **Minimum Selection/Conduct Rules 4641**
- **Scheduling**

**Reciprocity (RD 4750):** Ms. Gaspard invited questions in regards to the reciprocity requirements. Ms. Gaspard will distribute a copy of the reciprocity requirements. The group decided to circle back to this subject after discussing PPOE.

**PPOE:** Group discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Training to be available in a broader geographic area.
- Facilities, funding and research.
- Certification requirements.
- Mental health training.
- Update every rule in 6700 regarding PPOE with current practices and definitions.
- Concern for shortage of officers and lack of people wanting to become an officer.
- Pursue incentive ideas for peace officers.
- Requirement for program review.

Ms. Gross suggested that a sub group be created to further discuss the issue on the shortage of police officers and to further discuss reciprocity as a possible fast track. The group did not reach consensus on this suggestion.

Ms. Gaspard began discussion and requested feedback from the Committee asking if they agree or disagree with the verbiage for the following PPOE subparts:

#### **6700.0100 PPOE Definitions**

- **Subp. 5a. Professional peace officer education.**
- **Subp. 10. Coordinator.**
- **Subp. 17. Instructor.** Ms. Gross suggested to add the following highlighted verbiage. "Instructor" means a person who is recognized as being qualified to teach in a school or **in a** board-approved continuing education course.
- **Subp. 20. School.**
- **Subp. 22. Postsecondary degree.**
- **Subp. 23. Postsecondary certificate.** Ms. Nelson advised that the definition needs to be updated as it is a credential it is not a non-academic title. Ms. Nelson and Ms. Gaspard will do some research on what the definition should be updated to.
- **Subp. 24. Certified school.**
- **Subp. 25. Classroom discrimination.** There was discussion on removing this definition from rule as it is defined in other sections.

#### **6700.0300 PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICER EDUCATION**

- **Subp. 1. Subject areas.**
- **Subp. 2. Waiver.**
- **Subp. 3. Minimum requirements.**
- **Subp. 4. Learning objectives.** Discussion ensued about adding core competencies.

Meeting adjourned at 12:42pm.