

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

**Advisory Committee on POST Board Rules Overhaul Meeting  
POST Board Office  
Electronic Meeting via Microsoft Teams  
January 13, 2021**

**Members Present**

David Bicking  
Bill Bolt  
Elliot Butay  
Jean Cemensky  
Gwen Degroff-Gunter  
Vincent Do  
Sara Edel  
Craig Enevoldsen  
Mark Fahning  
Michelle Gross

Elisabeth Lee  
Bryan Litsey  
Pat Nelson  
Theresa Paulson  
Jack Serier  
Raj Sethuraju  
Steven Soyka  
Tracy Stille  
Aaron Suomala-Fokerds  
Sherisse Truesdale-Moore

**Staff Present**

Rebecca Gaspard  
Erik Misselt  
Abby Brown  
Angie Rohow

**Others Present**

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

Rebecca Gaspard began the meeting at 9:30 am.

Abby Brown conducted roll call. Of note – Bill Bolt, Jean Cemensky, Gwen Degroff-Gunter, Sara Edel, and Aaron Suomala-Fokerds missed roll call, however attended later in the meeting.

**Approval of the Agenda:** A vote was taken to approve the agenda through a virtual hand raise and was unanimous.

**Approval of the November 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** A vote was taken to approve the minutes through a virtual hand raise and was a unanimous.

**Approval of the December 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** A vote was taken to approve the minutes through a virtual hand raise and was a unanimous.

**Background Information:** Ms. Gaspard indicated that she had no updates. Mr. Fahning asked to speak about a comment made during the last meeting that he felt was out of line and requested that the committee members think about comments before they are spoken so the committee can work together to better the overall profession of law enforcement.

**Mandated Policies:** Discussion began regarding some wording changes of the Draft Rules on Mandated and Essential Mandated Polices. Then Mr. Litsey recommended concentrating on holding the Chief Law Enforcement Officer accountable for the implementation and enforcement of the mandated policies. There was also discussion about writing a rule regulating hate group membership of Law Enforcement Officers. Ms. Gaspard will work on an updated draft of the Rule on Mandated Policies for the next scheduled meeting.

**Classroom Discrimination:** The current provision in existing rules for continuing education courses includes a verbal acknowledgement of the course statement prohibiting discrimination within educational settings. The decision was to continue requiring the course statement to be read at the beginning of each class.

**Licensure Requirements:** It was noted that First Responder/EMR Certification is required however; CPR/First, aid certification is not currently required. There was discussion about what an agency completed background investigation entails. Discussion also took place about the citizenship requirement for becoming a Law Enforcement Officer and how the rule should be written in the licensing guidelines. Ms. Paulson and Mr. Stile will look into the legalities about the citizenship requirement and bring the research results to the next meeting. During the next meeting, Mr. Stile will present information regarding the physical ability testing coming out soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 pm.