

## AGENDA POLICE STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL

**DATE:** April 8, 2026

**TO:** Police Standards Advisory Council

**FROM:** Mark Stephenson, Director

**SUBJECT:** Meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 9:00 A.M.  
Library, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center  
3600 North Academy Road, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801

### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 18, 2026 P.S.A.C. MINUTES

### III. REPORTS

- A. Director – N.L.E.T.C.
- B. Deputy Director of Training – N.L.E.T.C.
- C. Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy
- D. Crime Commission Report

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

### V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Revocation: Voluntary Surrender-Voting Item**

Jonathan Sears: LR-332-26

- B. **Revocation Hearing-Voting Item**

Dominic Peterson: LR-307-25



**C. Extension of 1 Year Requirement for Management-Voting Item** **Attachment 1**

Caleb Scott: Banner Co SO

**D. Waiver of Supervision In-Lieu-Of NLETC Supervision-Voting Item** **Attachment 2**

Karl Meister: La Vista PD

**E. Academy Instructor Requests** **Attachment 3**

Legal Renewal

Mark Boyer: NE State Patrol

Professional Renewal-Voting Item

Mario Robinson: Lincoln PD

Jeremiah Foster: NE State Patrol

Douglas Moeller: SDLEA

Jessica Moore: SDLEA

Timothy Owens: SDLEA

General Renewal-Voting Item

Deb Home: NE State Patrol

**F. NCO's Eligible for 16 Week Extension-Voting Item**

Name

Moses Snyder

Jaden Smith

Kylee Schoen

Matthew Storey

William Reeves

Byron Vanhoose

Agency

Columbus PD

Furnas Co SO

Gage Co SO

Richardson Co SO

Sidney PD

UNO PD

**G. NCO's Not Eligible for 16 Week Extension-Voting Item**

Name

Avery Goldfish

Agency

Holdrege PD

**H. Public Comments**

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Informational Items**

**1. Trainees**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Morgan Struble	Ashland PD
Johnathan Conoan	Cozad PD
Timathey Chamberlain	Dakota Co SO
Lucas Moulton	Dakota Co SO
Daniel Rucker	Fremont PD
Darrell Russell	Fremont PD
Travis Peterkin	Friend PD
Donald Rose	Grand Island PD
Brody Stutzman	Grand Island PD
Dalton Springer	Merrick Co SO
Jeremiah Syslo	Merrick Co SO
Nickolas Alworth	NE Game & Parks
Riley Amundsen	NE Game & Parks
Carson Ford	NE Game & Parks
Grant Jensen	Nemaha Co SO
Davy Jones	Pawnee Co SO
Anthony Starr	Red Willow Co SO
Matthew Storey	Red Willow Co SO
Andrew Leishman	Scottsbluff PD

**2. NCO's Completing 80 Hours of Training**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Kylee Schoen	Gage Co SO
Matthew Fanning	Keith Co SO
Davy Jones	Pawnee Co SO
Matthew Storey	Richardson Co SO
Andrew Leishman	Scottsbluff PD

**B. Date, Time & Location of Next Meeting**

May 20, 2026, 9:00 a.m., Library, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, 3600 North Academy Road, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
POLICE STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
March 18, 2026**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Chief Paul Graham called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Legal notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on March 11, 2026. Roll call; Sgt. Drew Bolzer, Chief Paul Graham, Sheriff Greg London, Mr. Matthew McCarthy, Sheriff Dan Osmond, Chief Steve Reeves, Lt. Col. Jeff Roby, Deputy Chief Sherie Thomas. Absent from the meeting: Asst. Chief Jason Stille.

**II. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2026 P.S.A.C. MINUTES**

**MOTION**

**Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Chief Graham, Sheriff London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Lt. Col. Roby, Sgt. Bolzer. Abstained: Deputy Chief Thomas. Motion approved.**

**III. REPORTS**

**A. Director's Report**

Director Mark Stephenson reported on the following:

- There were six new revocation investigations from December 31<sup>st</sup> to the January PSAC meeting. Since that meeting five additional investigation have been started.
- Code of Ethics Audit: Due to the de-certification process NLETC is updating all of the active officer's files to make sure they include a signed code of ethics.



## **B. Deputy Director's Report**

Deputy Director Gene Boner reported:

- The 222<sup>nd</sup> Basic Training Session: The class is in week eleven with 45 students currently enrolled.
- Mid-Term Coaching was conducted on March 16, 2026.
- The flu has been making its way through the training center.
- Specialized Courses:
  - Supervision: February 24-26, 2026 with 37 students enrolled.
  - Online Management: March 2-20, 2026 with 14 students enrolled.
- MILO System: The new MILO systems have been installed and the instructors have received training. The portable system will be available for regional training as a component of Rachel Kohlman's De-Escalation training.

## **C. Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy**

Captain Andy Ecklund reported on the following:

- Camp 73 is in the 10<sup>th</sup> week of training with 8 recruits remaining from the original 12 that started. Captain Ecklund reported on the recent and future courses scheduled to be completed.
- Inservice: Centralized inservice has started.

## **D. Crime Commission Report**

Executive Director Bryan Tuma reported:

- Executive Director Tuma distributed a copy of the roster of the members of the Crime Commission to the Council.
- Budget Overview: The Governor supported increasing the funding for the law enforcement attraction and retention act to the original 5 million dollars annually after it had been reduced to 2.5 million. This week will be the last week the legislature will work on budget issues. The Governor is going to start reviewing it. There will need to be a discussion on whether the Hiring Bonuses can remain at 7500 dollars. There have also been some officers

who have not applied for Tier 1 and Tier 2 bonuses. The statutory language for the retention bonuses does not include any wording regarding deadlines for filing for the bonuses.

- Other fiscal issues:
  - Job Task Analysis: There is a proposed contract that will be finalized. If funds are available in the current fiscal year the contract will be initiated. Otherwise, it will have to wait until the next fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2026.
  - NLETC is in need of a new copy machine.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Racial Profiling Advisory Committee is going to meet March 26, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Lincoln.
  - Jail Standards Conference April 1-3<sup>rd</sup> in Kearney and the Jail Standards Board will meet on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the conference.
  - May 15<sup>th</sup> is the next Crime Commission meeting
- Byrne JAG Grant: Funding dollars targeted for law enforcement. There's only about 1.3 million dollars available.
- Senator Spivey has interest in proposing an interim study of the Crime Commission. It might work out to our advantage to shine a little light on what we do.
- Introduced Dr. Paul Turman who is the Chancellor for the Nebraska State College System.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **1. Saunders County Attorney's Office Reporting Violation Fine Waiver**

Director Mark Stephenson reported that Deputy County Attorney Darren Hartman was present for the February PSAC meeting. Mr. Hartman requested reconsideration on the reporting violation fine. He submitted a letter to be added to the March agenda so the Council could take voting action. There was a lack of communication between the sheriff's office who credentialed their investigator and the county attorney's office who employed him. When Investigator Green retired, both agencies thought the other one had reported his continuing education hours. Jessica Wagoner reported that Mr. Green retired from both

agencies in August of 2025. The Saunders County Sheriff's Office sent the change in status form in October 2025 but the Saunders County Attorney's Office did not send in a change in status form until they were notified in January that they were not in compliance for reporting.

### **MOTION**

**Sheriff London: I'll make a motion to waive the fine for the Saunders County Attorney's Office. Deputy Chief Thomas seconded the motion.**

### **DISCUSSION**

**Sheriff Osmond asked if the lack of communication was because the County Attorney's office didn't file the proper paperwork. Director Stephenson clarified that the County Attorney's office did not supply the paperwork showing the employment change until after they were notified that they were not in compliance with the reporting requirements.**

**Voting in favor: Sheriff London, Sheriff Osmond, Lt. Col. Roby, Deputy Chief Thomas, Chief Graham. Voting against: Mr. McCarthy, Chief Reeves, Sgt. Bolzer. Motion approved.**

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Regional Law Enforcement Training Opportunities**

Dr. Paul Turman, Chancellor, Nebraska State College System

Dr. Turman introduced himself to the Council as the Chancellor for the State College system. Dr. Turman has been meeting with Executive Director Tuma and Director Stephenson to discuss how the State Colleges can work with the Training Center to provide training throughout the State for law enforcement officers. Dr. Turman is working with the Training Center, the state colleges, and law enforcement agencies to expand the reach of the Training Center for providing continuing education training for officers throughout the State. College staff plan on auditing the Supervision and Management training to better understand the learning outcomes for those courses and what are the ways the existing college curriculum could align with those courses.

Mr. McCarthy stated that it would be beneficial if all the colleges would come to a universal consensus on granting credit hours for prior law enforcement training. Currently, Northeast Community College gives 15 credit hours of direct transfer credit for the officers who attend NLETC basic training. Dr. Turman responded that that was something that was being discussed.

**B. Extension of 1 Year Requirement for Management Training**

Brandon Ormesher: Valentine Police Department

Director Mark Stephenson reported that Lt. Brandon Ormesher of the Valentine Police Department has enrolled in the June 2026 in-person Management course at NLETC but is currently not enrolled into an online course. Lt. Ormesher was promoted in July of 2025 and the next available online course would be in August of 2025. "I recommend the Council approve his extension for online management."

**MOTION**

**Sheriff London: So moved. Deputy Chief Thomas seconded the motion.**

**Voting if favor: Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Lt. Col. Roby, Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London. Motion approved.**

**C. Waiver of Management In-Lieu-Of NLETC Management Course**

1. Anthony Hemmer: Cass County Sheriff's Office
2. Wesley Ludlow: Cass County Sheriff's Office
3. Reid Richter: Cass County Sheriff's Office
4. Curtis Gremm: Nebraska State Patrol
5. Matthew Howey: Sarpy County Sheriff's Office

Director Mark Stephenson reported that Captain Anthony Hemmer, Captain Wesley Ludlow and Captain Reid Richter from the Cass County Sheriff's Office all completed Dr. Rathman's Management course which was reviewed and found to meet all of the core topics for state standards in Management training. They are all enrolled in the April 2026 online management course. Director Stephenson recommended that the Council approve the waivers.

**MOTION**

**Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion to approve the waivers of management in-lieu-of training of the NLETC management courses for Captain Hemmer, Wesley Ludlow and Reid Richter of the Cass County Sheriff's Office they will still be required to complete the online portion of the management training. Lt. Col. Roby seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Lt. Col. Roby, Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London, Mr. McCarthy. Motion approved.**

Director Mark Stephenson reported that Lt. Curtis Gremm of the Nebraska State Patrol and Lt. Matthew Howey of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office have completed the IACP LPO course along with additional training that has been evaluated and found to meet the core topics for state standards in Management training. Director Stephenson recommended that the Council approve the waivers with the stipulation that they complete the online training.

**MOTION**

**Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion to approve the waivers of management training in-lieu-of the NLETC management courses for Lt. Curtis Gremm of the Nebraska State Patrol and Lt. Matthew Howey of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office and they would still be required to complete the online portion of the management training. Deputy Chief Thomas seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Chief Reeves, Lt. Col. Roby (abstained for Curtis Gremm), Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London (abstained for Matthew Howey), Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond. Motion approved.**

**D. Waiver of Supervision In-Lieu-Of NLETC Supervision Course**

1. Joshua Hatheway: Blair Police Department
2. Jay Denzin: Lincoln Police Department

Director Mark Stephenson reported that Sgt. Joshua Hatheway from the Blair Police Department completed the FBI-LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute course and Sgt. Jay Denzin of the Lincoln Police Department completed the IACP LPO course. Both courses meet all the core topics for state standards in Supervision training. Director Stephenson recommended that the Council approve the waivers.

**MOTION**

**Mr. McCarthy: I'll make the motion to approve the waiver of supervision in-lieu for Joshua Hatheway from Blair PD and Jay Denzin from Lincon PD. Deputy Chief Thomas seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Lt. Col. Roby, Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves. Motion approved.**

**E. Academy Instructor Requests**

Legal Original

Dania Ontiveros

Nebraska State Patrol

After review by the NLETC staff, Deputy Director Gene Boner recommended that the Council approve the original legal academy instructor application for Dania Ontiveros of the Nebraska State Patrol. "I would recommend that the Council approve the legal original academy instructor application for Dania Ontiveros of the Nebraska State Patrol."

**MOTION**

**Sheriff London: So moved. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves. Abstained: Lt. Col. Roby. Motion approved.**

Professional Original

Robert Martin

Lincoln PD

Dustin Romshek

Lincoln PD

Christopher Chamber

Lincoln PD

After review by the NLETC staff, Deputy Director Gene Boner recommended that the Council approve the original professional academy instructor applications for those listed above.

**MOTION**

**Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion to approve the Professional Original Instructor applications for Robert Martin, Dustin Romshek and Christopher Chamber of the Lincoln Police Department for those areas that are marked approved on the instructor application provided in the agenda packet. Deputy Chief Thomas seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Lt. Col. Roby. Motion approved.**

Professional Renewal

Jon Armstrong

Lincoln PD

Jessica Drager

Lincoln PD

Christopher Elrich

Lincoln PD

Chris Fields

Lincoln PD

Jennifer Glantz

Lincoln PD

Riley Hamilton	Lincoln PD
Jeffrey Hillabrand	Lincoln PD
Jason Hellmuth	Lincoln PD
Scott Jarecke	Lincoln PD
Michelle Jochum	Lincoln PD
Bradley Junker	Lincoln PD
Peter Lensing	Lincoln PD
Elizabeth McQueen	Lincoln PD
Michael Muff	Lincoln PD
Cassandra Nissen	Lincoln PD
Justin Roach	Lincoln PD
Lynette Russell	Lincoln PD
Michael Schmidt	Lincoln PD
Alex Stover	Lincoln PD
Jeffery Tipton	Lincoln PD
Duane Winkler	Lincoln PD
David Wunderlich	Lincoln PD

After review by the NLETC staff, Deputy Director Boner; “I would recommend the Council approve the renewal of the professional academy instructor certifications for the individuals previously named.”

### **MOTION**

**Sgt Bolzer: So moved. Lt. Col. Roby seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Lt. Col. Roby, Deputy Chief Thomas. Motion approved.**

Professional Renewal  
Clayton Dishong  
Sarah Schoen

Nebraska State Patrol  
Nebraska State Patrol

After review by the NLETC staff, Deputy Director Boner; “I would recommend the Council approve the renewal of the professional academy instructor certifications for both Clayton Dishong and Sarah Schoen of the Nebraska State Patrol.”

### **MOTION**

**Sheriff London: So moved. Deputy Chief Thomas seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Chief Graham, Sheriff London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer. Abstained: Lt. Col. Roby. Motion approved.**

Professional Renewal

Preston Maas	SDLEA
Jessica Manning	SDLEA
Brian Mathew	SDLEA
Karl Meister	SDLEA
Donald Pleiss	SDLEA
Jordan Spencer	SDLEA

After review by the NLETC staff, Deputy Director Boner recommended that the Council approve the renewal of the professional academy instructor certifications for those listed above.

### **MOTION**

**Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion to approve the professional renewal instructor applications for Preston Maas, Jessica Manning, Brian Mathew, Karl Meister, Donald Pleiss and Jordan Spencer of the SDLEA Academy for the subject areas that are marked approved on the instructor application provided in the agenda packet. Deputy Chief Thomas seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Sheriff London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Lt. Col. Roby, Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham. Motion approved.**

<u>General Renewal</u>	
Nicholas Greiner	SDLEA

After review by the NLETC staff, Deputy Director Boner recommended that the Council approve the general instructor renewal application for Nicholas Greiner of the SDLEA training academy.

### **MOTION**

**Mr. McCarthy: I'll make the motion to approve the general renewal instructor certification for Nicholas Greiner of SDLEA for the subject areas that are marked approved on the instructor application provided in the packet. Chief Reeves seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Lt. Col. Roby, Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London. Motion approved.**

### **F. TC-062: Separation Notice Form Wording Change**

Deputy Director Boner reported on the change in the language on TC-062. Under Voluntary Withdrawal the language was changed from "...for a reason that is beyond the control of the officer,..." to "...withdraws from training due to a

medical issue,...”. Deputy Director Boner clarified the information regarding the returning of the officer to the next or another basic session. This was an information item for the Council and no action was taken.

**G. Continuing Education Audit**

Jessica Wagoner reported on February 11, 2026, notice of the annual continuing education audit was sent out to 27 law enforcement agencies requesting the continuing education documentation for 71 officers. The agencies were given a due date of 5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2026 to complete the audit. 3 agencies failed to complete the audit by the deadline resulting in four officers being suspended. All were reinstated by March 17, 2026. The primary issue that was identified was properly documenting inservice type training by having a roster and an outline of the training. There will be a “Director’s Update” posted with information on the audit before the next one is conducted. This was an informational item for the Council and no action was taken.

**H. 81-1462 Hiring Bonus**

Jessica Wagoner reported that the topic was covered during the Crime Commission report. Since the item was on the agenda as a voting item, the Council decided they needed a motion to table the item.

**MOTION**

**Mr. McCarthy: I’ll make the motion to table the vote on 81-1462 Hiring Bonus until the April meeting. Lt. Col. Roby seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Lt. Col. Roby, Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London, Mr. McCarthy. Motion approved.**

**I. NCO’s Eligible for 16-Week Extension**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Tanner Langley	Frontier Co SO
Allen Roberts	Kimball Co SO
Cadance Cox	Richardson Co SO
Logan Walker	Richardson Co SO
Andrew Maleskeer	UNO PD
Tanner Obermeier	UNO PD
Zyan Olson	UNO PD
Margaret Spak	Wisner PD

Jessica Wagoner: “The NCO’s listed under Item I have met all of the requirements for the 16 week extension and I would recommend the Council approve these extensions for those listed under Item I.”

**MOTION**

**Sheriff London: So moved. Lt. Col. Roby seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Chief Reeves, Lt. Col. Roby, Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond. Motion approved.**

**J. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Informational Items**

**1. Trainees**

The trainees were listed on the agenda for the Council’s information. No action needed.

**2. NCO’s Completing 80 Hours of Training**

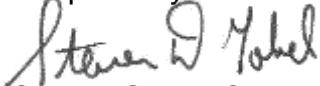
The NCO’s who have completed 80 hours of training were listed on the agenda for the Council’s information. No action needed.

**B. Date, Time & Location of Next Meeting**

April 15, 2026, 9:00 A.M., Library, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, 3600 North Academy Road, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801

The Council meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Gobel, Secretary to the Police Standards Advisory Council