

**DATE:** August 14, 2024

**TO:** Police Standards Advisory Council

**FROM:** Mark Stephenson, Director

**SUBJECT:** Meeting Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 9:00 A.M.  
Library, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center  
3600 North Academy Road, Grand Island, Nebraska 68803

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. APPROVAL OF JULY 17, 2024 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. Academy Instructor Applications

Attachment 1

Legal Original-Voting Item

Amanda Pflueger-NE State Patrol

Professional-Original-Voting Item

Christopher Anderson-NLETC

Robert Myers-Omaha Police Department

Randy Pignotti-Omaha Police Department



Professional Renewal-Voting Item

Mariana Ward-NE State Patrol  
Jonathan Gorden-Omaha Police Department

General Original-Voting Item

Erin Linde-SDLEA

- B. Form Approval-Voting Item** **Attachment 2**
1. Application Procedures and Admission Requirements for Basic Training
  2. Basic Medical Form (TC-005)
  3. Personal Character Affidavit (TC-913)
  4. Agency Head/Single Employee Personal Character Affidavit (TC-913B)
- C. Extension of the 1-Year Requirement for Management** **Attachment 3**
1. Jeffrey Johns-Dawson Co. Sheriff's Office-Voting Item
  2. Bobby Martinez-Valley Police Department-Voting Item
  3. David Volenec-Washington Co. Sheriff's Office-Voting Item
- D. Extension of Firearms Instructor/Patrol Rifle Instructor Certification-Voting Item**
- John Wagner-Nebraska State Patrol **Attachment 4**
- E. PSD Evaluator Performance Audit** **Attachment 5**
1. Joseph Gray-Bellevue Police Department-Voting Item
  2. Santiago Velasquez-Columbus Police Department-Voting Item
- F. NCO's Eligible for Automatic Extension-Voting Item**
- | <u>Name</u>     | <u>Agency</u> | <u>16 week deadline</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Anthony Wielgus | Columbus PD   | 11/18/2024              |
| Tyson Wren      | David City PD | 12/15/2024              |
| Hailey Plautz   | Hall Co SO    | 11/11/2024              |
- G. Hiring Bonus Grant Approvals-Voting Item**
1. Christopher Land-Bellevue Police Department
  2. Kevin Tretter-Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office

3. Damien Kluska-Grand Island Police Department

**H. Public Comments**

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Informational Items**

**Trainees-No action needed.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Brendan Christensen	Albion PD
Matthew Harre	Beatrice PD
Kelsey O'Neill	Dakota Co SO
Jerika Koopmeiners	Dodge Co SO
Jacob Beville	Gage Co SO
Aidan Graber	Grand Island PD
Solomon Russell	Grand Island PD
Bret Schamp	Grand Island PD
Oliver Cushman	Hastings PD
Branden Wiechert	Kimball PD
Dylan Sackschewsky	Lancaster Co SO
Austin Gubbels	Madison Co SO
Nathan Karr	Merrick Co SO
Stuart Hasemann	Norfolk PD
Tacy Davidson	North Platte PD
Zachary Koza	North Platte PD
Ronald Perrymore	North Platte PD
Breeanna Othmer	Otoe Co SO
Steven Parker	Sidney PD
Isaias Juarez	Thurston Co SO
Melissa Orozco	UNL PD
Tyson Skinner	Valley Co SO

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

September 18, 2024, 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  
July 17, 2024

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman, Sgt. Drew Bolzer called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Legal notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on July 10, 2024. Roll call; Sgt. Drew Bolzer, Chief Paul Graham, Chief Deputy Greg London, Mr. Matthew McCarthy, Sheriff Dan Osmond, Chief Steve Reeves, Asst. Chief Jason Stille. Lt. Col. Buck Duis and Deputy Chief Sherie Thomas were absent.

**II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 26, 2024 P.S.A.C. MINUTES**

Sgt. Bolzer asked if there was a motion to approve the June 26, 2024 minutes.

**MOTION**

**Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion to approve. Chief Graham seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Chief Graham, Chief Deputy London, Mr. McCarthy, Chief Reeves, Sheriff Osmond, Asst. Chief Stille, Sgt. Bolzer. Motion approved.**

**III. REPORTS**

**A. Director's Report**

Director Mark Stephenson reported on the following:

- The compliance team has completed 11 field audits. There has been an improvement with compliance, but agencies are still being educated about the process and documentation. The Compliance Coordinator Kristine Sabata presented the compliance portion of the Supervision curriculum to the class, and it was well received.



- There are currently 34 approved packets for the 218<sup>th</sup> Basic Training session. This includes all 6 from Grand Island P.D. and 1 from Lancaster Co. Sheriff's Office. 6 more packets have been submitted and are being processed for approval. The deadline for approval is July 26<sup>th</sup>. Since the basic will be starting with 55 there is the possibility that all of Grand Island's students and the one from Lancaster Co. could be enrolled. It all depends on how many packets come in before the deadline.
- There has been an increased number of de-certification investigations. 791's are being processed in the 7-10 day timeframe. They are either being referred for informal complaints or being unlocked. There are currently 20 de-certification cases. Staff Instructor Daron Lindgreen will be assisting Dennis Leonard with investigations.

Sgt. Bolzer asked what documentation was lacking during the audits. Director Stephenson replied with some examples.

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

Deputy Director Gene Boner reported on the following:

- The 217<sup>th</sup> Basic is in week 12. 42 students are currently enrolled.
- 4 students failed various portions of the physical task testing. Failure to pass the retake scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> will result in the student being separated from training.
- Advanced Training:
  - Firearms Instructor Recertification on July 2<sup>nd</sup> with 14 students.
  - Patrol Rifle Instructor Recertification on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with 14 students.
  - Defensive Tactics Instructor Recertification during the week of July 8<sup>th</sup> with 19 students.
  - Supervision during the week of July 8<sup>th</sup> with 46 students.
  - Blue to Gold/Bullet Proof Report Writing on July 9<sup>th</sup> with 7 students.
  - Blue to Gold/Advanced Search and Seizure on July 10<sup>th</sup> with 13 students.
  - Online Management on July 8-26<sup>th</sup> with 13 students.
  - NCIC on July 15-17<sup>th</sup> with 36 students.
  - Instructor Development is scheduled for July 29-August 1<sup>st</sup> with 6 students currently enrolled. The class will be held so an NLETC instructor who needs the course can attend. Applications are still being accepted.

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

Lt. Noah McNeese reported on the following:

- Camp 69 graduated June 14<sup>th</sup> with 13 recruits.

- The 2024 Junior Law program was conducted the week of June 17<sup>th</sup> with 28 boys and 30 girls attending.
- Camp 70 began July 8<sup>th</sup> with 11 recruits. 1 has voluntarily separated.
- The application process for Camp 71 will begin in August with the course starting January 2025.

**D. Crime Commission Report**

Executive Director Bryan Tuma was absent. Director Mark Stephenson reported that Executive Director Tuma was travelling for the regional meetings on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor. There was no report this month.

**IV. Old Business**

**V. New Business**

**A. Academy Instructor Requests**

Legal Original

Paul Payne-Nebraska State Patrol

After review by the NLETC staff, Deputy Director Boner recommended approval of the Legal academy instructor application as presented in the agenda.

**MOTION**

**Chief Deputy London: I'll make a motion to approve the Legal Original Instructor Application for Paul Payne of the Nebraska State Patrol for the subject areas that are marked approved on the instructor application provided in the agenda packet. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Chief Deputy London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham. Motion approved.**

**B. On-Line Management Mandatory Training**

Director Mark Stephenson reported that a Chief of a small agency has failed to complete the online portion of the Management requirement. The Chief has received an extension of the 1-year requirement in 2023. He has been enrolled into 4 sessions of the online training and has failed to complete the course. Director Stephenson was looking for guidance on whether the Chief could be suspended or what other action the Council might recommend.

Director Stephenson also discussed conducting a 3-day in person course at NLETC to cover Title 79 and the other current topics of the online portion of Management. This course would be open to department heads and other designated officers and/or civilian personnel who are working and dealing with issues covered by Title 79. Mr. Stolz described what was covered in his online course and what was expected of the students during the course.

After discussing the issue, the Council recommended sending a letter to the Chief and his city council that he must attend and successfully complete the August 2024 online portion of Management training, or the Council would take action that could include the suspension of his law enforcement certification. No motion was needed.

**C. Extension of the 1-year Requirement to Attend Supervision**

Jordan Legband-Seward County Sheriff's Office

Director Mark Stephenson reported that Jordan Legband was scheduled to attend the 2024 Supervision course but due to a family issue he wasn't able to attend. Seward County asked for the extension of the 1-year requirement so he can attend the 2025 Supervision course. Director Stephenson recommended the approval of the extension.

**MOTION**

**Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion that we approve the extension provided that he attends the next Management class. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion.**

**AMENDED MOTION**

**Sheriff Osmond: Excuse me, Supervision. I amend my motion. Mr. McCarthy seconded the amended motion.**

**Voting in favor: Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Chief Deputy London. Motion approved.**

**D. NCO's Eligible for Automatic Extension**

Walter Durston-Cass County Sheriff's Office  
Rhegan Jensen-Grand Island Police Department  
Emma Liske-Grand Island Police Department  
Ethan Brock-Johns County Sheriff's Office  
Garrett Pedersen-Kimball County Sheriff's Office  
Devon Stethem-Lincoln County Sheriff's Office  
Austin Gubbels-Madison County Sheriff's Office

Tucker Meyer-Sidney Police Department  
Amanda Peterson-Valley County Sheriff's Office

Director Mark Stephenson reported that the NCO's listed above have completed all qualifications to be eligible for the automatic extension.

**MOTION**

**Chief Deputy London: I'll make a motion for the NCO's eligible for automatic extension for those listed on the agenda. Sheriff Osmond seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Chief Deputy London, Mr. McCarthy. Motion approved.**

**E. Hiring Bonus Grant Approvals**

Juan Aguilar-South Sioux City Police Department  
Dillon Carmichael-Holdrege Police Department  
Hunter James-Franklin County Sheriff's Office  
Matthew Milby-Nance County Sheriff's Office  
Kayleah Rierson-UNL Police Department  
Madelein Woolard-UNL Police Department

Jessica Wagoner reported that the individuals listed under item E applied for the hiring bonus grant. They were vetted by NLETC support staff through our database and have met all the requirements to receive the bonus. Jessica Wagoner stated, "I would recommend that the Council approve the applications for the individuals listed under item E."

**MOTION**

**Chief Deputy London: So moved. Chief Graham seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Chief Deputy London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond. Motion approved.**

**VI. 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 Completed 80 hours of training: Those who had completed the 80 hours of training were listed on the agenda for the Council's information. No action needed.

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

August 21, 2024, 9:00 A.M., Library, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, 3600 North Academy Road, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801.

Hearing no further business, Chairman Bolzer adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven D. Gobel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Steven Gobel, Secretary to the Police Standards Advisory Council