

**AGENDA
POLICE STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

DATE: August 12, 2026

TO: Police Standards Advisory Council

FROM: Mark Stephenson, Director

SUBJECT: Meeting Wednesday, August 19, 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 JULY 15, 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**

Dustin Weitzel: LR-346-26

- B. Appeal: Denial of Admission to Basic Training-Voting Item Attachment 1**

Aaron Farritor: Box Butte County Sheriff's Office



C. Extension of 1-Year Requirement to Attend Management-Voting Item

Attachment 2

1. Phillip Tran: Lincoln Police Department
2. Benjamin McBride: Norfolk Police Department
3. Michael Strong: Norfolk Police Department
4. Jason Witzel: Norfolk Police Department

D. Academy Instructor Requests

Attachment 3

Professional Original-Voting Item

Troy Bendickson: SDLEA

Professional Renewal-Voting Item

Eugene Boner: NLETC

Wyatt Hoagland: NLETC

Michael Kerby: NLETC

Mark Stephenson: NLETC

Gregory Monico: SDLEA

Jonathan Raughton: SDLEA

Chad Reed: SDLEA

William Rinn: SDLEA

Eldon Stull: SDLEA

General Original-Voting Item

Daniel German: SDLEA

David Swackhammer: SDLEA

General Renewal-Voting Item

Monty Lovelace: NSP

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

Name

Henry Basilio

Christopher McElwain

Azael Zumaya

Jonathan Brown

Dustin Naylor

Kevin Shields

Evan Reeves

Agency

Columbus PD

Columbus PD

Hall Co SO

Johnson Co SO

Ogallala PD

Plattsmouth PD

UNO PD

F. Hiring Bonus-Voting Item

Name

Noah Anderson

Agency

Central City PD

Ryan Rusche
Tyler Saxton
Landon Furne
Miguel Jaime
Timothy Shannon
Nohemi Hurtado-Vigil
Douglas Chicas
Makayla Ireland
Alexander Ryan
Devin Holbrooks Darling
Aibor Huerta
Seth Sloan
Emmett Howell

Fremont PD
Fremont PD
Lancaster Co SO
Lancaster Co SO
Lancaster Co SO
Lexington PD
Norfolk Police Division
Sarpy Co SO
Sarpy Co SO
Sidney PD
South Sioux City PD
UNK PD
UNO PD

G. Public Comments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Informational Items

1. Trainees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Daisy Barbee	Alliance PD
Lucas Talley	Boone Co SO
Joseph Colfack	Buffalo Co SO
Dorian Hurtado-Vigil	Dawson Co SO
Andrew Lundgren	Dodge Co SO
Grant Rump	Dodge Co SO
Todd Bradley	Grand Island PD
Cesar Espinoza-Cervantes	Grand Island PD
Jaime Romero-Guardado	Grand Island PD
Jerry Riordan	Hamilton Co SO
Timothy Buchholz	Hastings PD
Joseph Hermann	Hastings PD
Bryce Tobiassen	Kearney Co SO
Chase Pawloski	Kearney PD
Charles Webb	Lyons PD
Kyler Mosel	Madison PD
Mario Rivas	McCook PD
Matthew Kellie	North Platte PD
Michael Sorensen	Omaha PD
Garrett Quenzer	Ravenna PD
Bryan Springer	Red Willow Co SO
Nathan True	Scottsbluff PD
Jacob Masin	UNL PD
Jordan Groves	Washington Co SO

2. NCO's Completing 80 Hours of Training

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Jonathan Brown	Johnson Co SO
Matthew Kellie	North Platte PD
Dustin Naylor	Ogallala PD
Nathan True	Scottsbluff PD

B. Date, Time & Location of Next Meeting

September 16, 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
July 15, 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 July 8, 2026. Roll call; Sgt. Drew Bolzer, Chief Paul Graham, Sheriff Greg London, Mr. Matthew McCarthy, Chief Steve Reeves, Asst. Chief Jason Stille. Absent: Sheriff Dan Osmond, Lt. Col. Jeff Roby and Deputy Chief Sherie Thomas.

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 17, 2026 P.S.A.C. MINUTES

MOTION

Mr. McCarthy: I'll make the motion to approve the June minutes. **Sgt. Bolzer** seconded the motion.

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

III. REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Director Mark Stephenson reported on the following:

- Infrastructure project: Anticipated completion date has been moved up. Some of the facilities will be available for the next basic session.
- 224th Basic: Deadline for registrations is July 31, 2026. Currently there are 18 approved application packets. 224th class will run from August 31-December 17, 2026.
- Interim Director Drew Bigham brief: Open positions are being maintained but there is a hiring freeze so the positions will not be filled at this time. Division Directors were informed that they needed to operate from a position of efficiency to prepare for some lean financial days ahead.



B. Deputy Director's Report

Deputy Director Gene Boner reported:

- The 223rd Basic Training Session: In the eleventh week of training with 44 students remaining in the course.
- Regional Training: Staff Instructor Rachel Kohlman conducted training in Sidney NE on June 23-24, 2026 on de-escalation, mental health, substance abuse, first responder wellness, and MILO use of force simulator training. 8 students were enrolled. Since January 2026 there have been 11 separate regional training sessions at five different locations with a total of 46 training hours and 152 students attending.
- Specialized Courses:
 - NCIC-June 29-July 2, 2026: 35 students enrolled.
 - Basic Jail Training-July 13-24, 2026: 22 students enrolled.

C. Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy

Captain Noah McNeese reported:

- Camp 73 graduated on June 18, 2026 with 7 new troopers.
- Camp 74 started July 6, 2026 with 13 recruits. Camp 74 will graduate on December 18, 2026.
- 2026 Inservice has been completed. Approximately 380 personnel cycled through the training.
- Recognized NLETC for working with the patrol to get the inservice scheduled and completed.

D. Crime Commission Report

No Report

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Omaha P.D. Management Course In-Lieu-Of NLETC Management Course

Director Mark Stephenson reported that the Omaha Police Department requested approval to conduct management training in-lieu-of the NLETC management course. The course was held June 22-26, 2026. Omaha Police Department was unable to get the request in before the June PSAC meeting. The supplied schedule showed that the course meets the core topics of training and Director Stephenson recommended approval of the course with the stipulation that the students will be required to complete the online management course.

Chief Graham asked if that would help ease the burden on NLETC for management training. Director Stephenson responded that OPD, Lincoln and SDLEA had all agreed to offer available seats for supervision and management training to other agencies.

MOTION

Mr. McCarthy: I'll make a motion to approve the Omaha P.D. management course in-lieu-of the NLETC course with the provision that they complete the online management section. Asst. Chief Stille seconded the motion.

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

B. Academy Instructor Requests

Professional Original

Adam Perry: NE State Patrol

Linday Kroll: Omaha PD

Michael Jarvis: SDLEA

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

MOTION

Mr. McCarthy: I'll make the motion to approve the professional original instructor applications as listed on the agenda. Chief Reeves seconded the motion.

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

Professional Renewal
Kevin Meyer: Lincoln PD
Matthew Workman: NE State Patrol

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

MOTION

Sgt. Bolzer: I make a motion to approve the professional renewal instructor applications for Kevin Meyer of the Lincoln Police Department Academy and Matthew Workman of the Nebraska State Patrol for the subject areas that are marked approved on the instructor application provided in the agenda packet. Chief Reeves seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille (Abstained for Kevin Meyer), Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London, Mr. McCarthy. Motion approved.

C. NCO's Eligible for 16 Week Extension

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Ryan Eddy	Blair PD
Brycen Woodward	Broken Bow PD
Tobin Wingender	Cass Co SO
Davy Jones	Pawnee Co SO
William Bibb	Sioux Co SO
Gage Curry	South Sioux City PD

Jessica Wagoner, "The Non-Certified Conditional Officers listed under item C have met all of the requirements for the 16-week extension and I would recommend that the Council approve these extensions."

MOTION

Sgt. Bolzer: I make a motion to grant the 16 week extension for the NCO's listed on the agenda under item V C as outlined by Jessica Wagoner. Asst. Chief Stille seconded the motion.

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

D. Hiring Bonus Grants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Jose Ambriz	Broken Bow PD
Jerika Koopmeiers	Dodge Co SO
Jacob Ackerman	La Vista PD
Conner Barnett	La Vista PD
Brian Maddy	La Vista PD
Steven Morris	La Vista PD
Connor Rinn	La Vista PD
Taylor Meitl	McCook PD
Shurron Thompson	Metro. Comm. College PD
Nicholas VanHolsbeck	Mitchell PD
Jesse Patterson	Sarpy Co SO
Faith Gettman	Sidney PD
Travis Peterkin	Superior PD

Jessica Wagoner reported that the compliance team vetted and approved the applications. All of those listed under item D have met the criteria for the hiring bonus and she recommended that the Council approve the applications.

MOTION

Sgt. Bolzer: I make a motion to approve the hiring bonus grants for those listed on the agenda as presented by Jessica Wagoner. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London (Abstained for Jesse Patterson.), Mr. McCarthy, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille. Motion approved.

E. 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

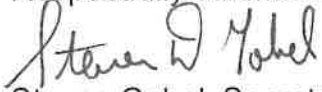
The NCO's who have completed the 80 hours of training were listed on the agenda for the Council's information. No action needed.

B. Date, Time & Location of Next Meeting

August 19, 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 9:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven D. Gobel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steven Gobel, Secretary to the Police Standards Advisory Council