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## **AGENDA POLICE STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**DATE:** March 12, 2025

**TO:** Police Standards Advisory Council

**FROM:** Mark Stephenson, Director

**SUBJECT:** Meeting Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 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 FEBRUARY 19, 2025 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**
  - A. Physical Tasks/Change In Curriculum**
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Revocation-Voluntary Surrender-Voting Item**  
Chace Morgan: LR-282-24

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**B. Academy Instructor Requests** **Attachment 1**

1. Professional Original-Voting Item  
Christopher Anderson-NLETC  
Jesse Parker-NLETC  
Brent Potthoff-NE State Patrol  
Jonathan Hobbs-SDLEA  
Jeremy Welsch-SDLEA  
Justin Williamson-SDLEA
  
2. Professional Renewal-Voting Item  
Bridget Driver Johnson-Lincoln Police Dept. Academy  
Launa Groves-Lincoln Police Dept. Academy  
Maxwell Hubka-Lincoln Police Dept. Academy  
Todd Kocian-Lincoln Police Dept. Academy  
Kayla Puhmann-Lincoln Police Dept. Academy  
Ryan Witzel-Lincoln Police Dept. Academy

**C. Waiver of New Sheriff Course** **Attachment 2**

Greg London-Sarpy County Sheriff's Office-Voting Item

**D. Waiver of Management In-Lieu-Of NLETC Management** **Attachment 3**

Robert Schofield-La Vista Police Department-Voting Item

**E. Waiver of Supervision In-Lieu-Of NLETC Supervision** **Attachment 4**

Michael Odom-Nebraska City Police Department-Voting Item

**F. Extension of 1 Year Requirement for Management** **Attachment 5**

Christopher Ivener: Douglas County Sheriff's Office-Voting Item

**G. Hiring Bonus Grant Approvals-Voting Item**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Matthew Harre	Beatrice PD
Clayton Malcom	Beatrice PD
Jaden Acevedo Avalos	Crete PD
Aidan Graber	Grand Island PD
Timothy Herron	Metro Community College PD
Jarrold Messman	NE Game & Parks
Kaylynn Miller	NE Game & Parks
Lucas Gnat	Stanton Co. SO
Melissa Orozco	UNL PD

**H. PSD Judge Certification-Voting Item Attachment 6**

Jacob Hoffman: Omaha Police Department (Narcotics Detector Dog Judge)

**I. PSD Evaluator Certification-Voting Item Attachment 7**

Matthew Elsasser: Papillion Police Department (Patrol Dog Evaluator)

**J. City of Lincoln v. State of Nebraska et.al (CI25-149)**

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Informational Items**

**1. Trainees**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Ryan Blobaum	Jefferson Co. SO
Bryce Olsen	Lyons PD
Tyson Kotinek	Nuckolls Co. SO
Shyvonne Tyndall	Thurston Co. SO

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

April 16, 2025, 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  
February 19, 2025

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman, Chief Steve Reeves called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Legal notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on February 13, 2025. Roll call; Sgt. Drew Bolzer, Chief Paul Graham, Sheriff Greg London, Mr. Matthew McCarthy, Sheriff Dan Osmond, Chief Steve Reeves, Asst. Chief Jason Stille. Lt. Col. Jeff Roby and Deputy Chief Sherie Thomas were absent from the meeting.

**II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15, 2025 P.S.A.C. MINUTES**

Chief Reeves asked if there was a motion to approve the January 15, 2025 minutes with the correction of the date at the top which had read January 15, 2024 and was corrected to January 15, 2025.

**MOTION**

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

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

**III. REPORTS**

**A. Director's Report**

Director Mark Stephenson reported on the following:

- **Instructor Process:** The current instructor pay adjustments have been approved. The process of hiring 7 new instructors has begun. The positions have been added to the agency and the positions should be posted in the next week.



- Construction Project: The project is still on track. Construction is expected to begin at any time.

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

Deputy Director Gene Boner was absent. Director Mark Stephenson reported:

- The 219<sup>th</sup> Basic started on January 6, 2025 with 35 students enrolled. Currently there are 33 students enrolled. One student was removed by their agency prior to a test retake and one student voluntarily withdrew.
- Currently in week 7 and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of skills.
- The following training was held at NLETC:
  - Field Training Officer-February 10-14, 2025: 29 students enrolled.

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

Captain Andy Ecklund reported on the following:

- Camp 71 completed week 6 of training. 10 recruits remain enrolled out of the 15 who started the training.
- Captain Ecklund reported on the courses covered and the upcoming courses.
- Offered his appreciation for the support with the loss of Trooper Kyle McAcy.

## **D. Crime Commission Report**

Executive Director Bryan Tuma reported the following:

- Acknowledged Captain Ecklund's comments regarding the loss of Trooper McAcy.
- Misconduct Cases: There was a meeting at NLETC on February 7, 2025 with Jon Hendricks who is a Special Assistant Attorney General who will be working on misconduct cases. There are approximately 10+ cases in line for formal hearings. Some of them will probably voluntarily surrender their certification once they receive the notice of the revocation hearing.
- State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Grant: The money focuses on mental health crisis intervention and de-escalation training. Will be

proposing purchasing another Firearms Simulator for NLETC with part of the grant funds. There will be a number of training sessions available for both the basic training as well as regional training throughout the State. The Crime Commission and NLETC will take a larger leadership role in providing that training.

- Legislative Session: The bills this week are primarily focusing on probation. There are a couple of bills introduced by Senator McKinney that could have a significant impact on law enforcement.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **A. Continuing Education Waivers**

Chief Reeves asked if there was a motion to go into Executive Session.

#### **MOTION**

**Sheriff London: I would move that the Council go into Executive Session based on the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of those requesting waivers. For the purpose of executive session we will allow the following to remain in the room; all Council members, Council Secretary, Legal Advisor Sara and Director Mark Stephenson and Jessie. Chief Graham seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Sheriff London, Mr. McCarthy, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham. Sheriff Osmond was absent from the vote. Motion approved. The Council went into Executive Session at 9:11 a.m.**

#### **MOTION**

**Chief Graham: I make a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London. Motion approved. The Council came out of Executive Session at 9:26 a.m.**

#### **MOTION**

**Sheriff London: I'll make a motion to grant waivers for Trevor Dozler and Paige Uzzell regarding their continuing education waivers and I am going to deny the waivers for Jason Schwartz and Katy Rath. Chief Graham seconded the motion.**

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

## **B. Physical Task Follow-up**

Director Mark Stephenson conducted a zoom meeting with the other training academies to determine whether physical task testing was consistent with all of the academies. The consensus of the meeting was to develop one list of physical tasks which would be distributed to all academies to ensure the audits are consistent and more efficient. Each academy would be able to conduct the tasks either "in training" or as part of a "testing day" and would indicate that as part of the academy audits.

Director Stephenson recommended that the created physical task test could take the place of the PRET test starting in 2026. Director Stephenson recommended that the test be given on day 1 of the academy and to allow 1 week for any remediation and retakes. This would prevent agencies having someone removed from training at 10 weeks. The other academies would not be required to change their entrance testing.

After much discussion, the Council recommended that Director Stephenson create the one list that all of the academies would follow for their physical task testing to ensure the tasks were following the job task analysis, and to bring it to the Council for approval. No action was taken.

## **C. Reciprocity**

Sheriff Greg London held a subcommittee meeting on February 10, 2025 to discuss the issues with reciprocity. Director Mark Stephenson presented two options for changes to the reciprocity program. Both options would require some changes to Title 79, Chapter 3. Changes would include:

1. All reciprocity applicants would need to meet all of the admission standards in Chapter 8.
2. Applicants must have a minimum of two years of experience as a law enforcement officer.
3. Applicants must not have been inactive for more than four years. This change would prevent two things. One, if someone hasn't worked as an officer for a longer period of time, the job has changed from when they were officers and two, finding the training records of applicants would be easier. The longer someone is inactive the more difficult it becomes to find records of their training.

4. The applicants would be able to work while going through the reciprocity process but would have to complete the process within one year.
5. Must have graduated from an approved academy consisting of 70% of the NLETC hours. (Currently that would be 450 hours.) The applicants would not be able to "make up" training to reach the 70% of hours.

Director Stephenson reported that two plans were discussed at the subcommittee meeting.

The first plan consisted of changing the curriculum comparison. Currently the comparison is a line by line process. Which makes it difficult when it comes to Nebraska specific courses. Director Stephenson recommended using a block system instead of line by line.

Agency Counsel Sara Bockstadter stated that, "PSAC has the authority, both under statute and regulation, to determine what is equivalent training.

The second plan focused on creating a reciprocity training program. The reason that this was brought up was that 24 of the 45 states who do reciprocity require some kind of "training program" with an average of 150 hours.

Executive Director Tuma asked the Council if there was any appetite for just accepting another state's law enforcement certificate along with the requirements Director Stephenson outlined above. Sheriff Osmond was agreeable to that as it would make the process a lot faster.

Executive Director Tuma asked if a person seeking reciprocity would still have to comply with the physical standards. Agency Counsel Bockstadter said that was in statute.

Director Stephenson will draw up a plan for reciprocity and bring it back to the Council for approval and for any changes needed to the Rules and Regulations. No other action was taken.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Firearms Qualification Waivers**

#### **1. Military Waivers**

Courtney Kayser-Douglas Co. Sheriff's Office  
Brent Kendall-Omaha Police Department



Jeremy Latham-Omaha Police Department  
Richard Shea-Otoe Co. Sheriff's Office  
Paige Uzzell-No Active Agency

**2. Extended Leave Waivers**

Trevor Dozler-Fillmore Co. Sheriff's Office  
T'Ronne Estwick-NE State Patrol  
Elizabeth Abramson-Omaha Police Department  
Aaron Anderson-Omaha Police Department  
Robert Bruckner-Omaha Police Department  
Jerry Kassen-Omaha Police Department  
Tim Kissell-Omaha Police Department  
James Phenis-Omaha Police Department  
Stewart Vanness-Omaha Police Department

**3. Medical Waivers**

Earl Johnson-Bellevue Police Department  
Laura Hespen-Butler Co. Sheriff's Office  
Brian Fernau-Dakota Co. Sheriff's Office  
Jordyn Lukasiewicz-Grand Island Police Department  
Wendy Riley-Baker-Grand Island Police Department  
Kelsey Buruss-Lincoln Police Department  
Jake Bauer-Merrick Co. Sheriff's Office  
Dina Barta-NE Game & Parks Commission  
Christopher Slocum-NE State Patrol  
David Lichtenberg-Norfolk Police Department  
Michael O'Brien-Norfolk Police Department  
Alexis Boults-Omaha Police Department  
Marissa Boyce-Omaha Police Department  
Emily Bradley-Omaha Police Department  
Mychael Dixon-Omaha Police Department  
Robbie Goering-Jensen-Omaha Police Department  
Jason Groves-Omaha Police Department  
Kasha Moore-Omaha Police Department  
Derick Peters-Omaha Police Department  
Brian Vanderheiden-Omaha Police Department  
Jeffrey Vaughn-Omaha Police Department  
Steven Wilson-Omaha Police Department  
Kevin Housh-Plattsmouth Police Department  
John Sumsion-Polk Co. Sheriff's Office  
Tim Eichner-Scotts Bluff Co. Sheriff's Office  
Katie Rath-Valley Police Department

Chief Reeves asked if there was a motion to go into executive session.

**MOTION**

**Sheriff Osmond: I would move that the Council go into executive session based on the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of those requesting waivers and for the purpose of executive session, we'll allow the following to remain in the room; all Council members, Council secretary, Legal Advisor Sara Bockstadter, and Director Mark Stephenson and Jessica Wagoner. Chief Graham seconded the motion.**

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

**The Council went into executive session at 10:31 a.m.**

**Chief Reeves: The meeting of the Police Standards Advisory Council will come to order. Is there a motion to come out of executive session?**

**MOTION**

**Mr. McCarthy: I'll make the motion to come out of executive session. Sheriff Osmond seconded the motion.**

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

**The Council came out of executive session at 11:00 a.m.**

**MOTION**

**Sheriff London: I will make a motion. For firearms and grant a military waiver for everyone on section number one in the agenda for 2024. Chief Graham seconded the motion.**

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

**MOTION**

**Sheriff London: I'll make another motion for extended leave waivers for firearms for 2024 for those listed under sections two on the agenda. Sheriff Osmond seconded the motion.**

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

**MOTION**

**Sheriff London: I'll make another motion for medical waivers regarding firearms for 2024 for all of those listed under section three on the agenda. Chief Graham seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Sheriff London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham. Abstained: Asst. Chief Stille for Kelsey Burress of the Lincoln Police Department, Sgt. Bolzer for Paige Uzzell (Military Waiver). Motion approved.**

**B. Academy Instructor Applications**

Legal Original  
Sara Bockstadter-NLETC

After review by the NLETC staff, Director Mark Stephenson recommended that the Council approve the original legal instructor application for Sara Bockstadter.

**MOTION**

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

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

Legal Renewal  
Ashley Bohnet-Lincoln Police Department Academy

After review by the NLETC staff, Director Mark Stephenson recommended that the Council approve the renewal of the legal academy instructor certification of Ashley Bohnet of the Lincoln Police Department.

**MOTION**

**Chief Graham: So moved. Sheriff Osmond seconded the motion.**

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

Professional Renewal  
Andrew Ecklund-NE State Patrol

Ryan Phinney-NE State Patrol  
Chad Seyler-Grand Island P.D. for NSPTA (corrected from agenda)

After review by the NLETC staff, Director Mark Stephenson recommended that the Council approve the renewal of the professional instructor certifications of Andrew Ecklund and Ryan Phinney of the NE State Patrol and Chad Seyler of the Grand Island Police Department.

**MOTION**

**Sgt. Bolzer: So moved. Sheriff London seconded the motion.**

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

General Original

Daniel Ripley-Lincoln Police Department Academy  
Preston Zvolanek-Lincoln Police Department Academy

After review by the NLETC staff, Director Stephenson recommended that the Council approve the original general instructor applications for Daniel Ripley and Preston Zvolanek of the Lincoln Police Department Training Academy.

**MOTION**

**Sheriff Osmond: So moved. Sgt. Bolzer seconded the motion.**

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

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

1. Joseph Hanson-NE State Patrol
2. Manuel Jimenez-NE State Patrol
3. Preston Maas-Papillion Police Department

Director Mark Stephenson reported that Lt. Joseph Hanson and Lt. Manuel Jimenez completed the IACP LPO 120 hour training course. Director Stephenson recommended that the Council approve the request for the waiver to attending the NLETC in-person management course with the provision they complete the online management course.

**MOTION**

**Sheriff London: I'll make a motion that we grant management waivers for Joseph Hanson and Manuel Jimenez both from the State Patrol. With the provision they do their online course. Chief Graham seconded the waiver.**

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

Director Mark Stephenson reported that Lt. Preston Maas from the Papillion Police Department completed FBI National Academy 270 hour training course. Director Stephenson recommended that the Council approve the request for the waiver to attend the NLETC in-person management course with the provision he completes the online management course.

### **MOTION**

**Chief Graham: So moved. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion.**

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

#### **D. Supervision In-Lieu-Of NLETC Course**

1. Joshua Marris-Bellevue Police Department
2. Bryce Collamore-Grand Island Police Department
3. Brandon Kirkley-Grand Island Police Department
4. Ryan Sullivan-Grand Island Police Department
5. Jason Wood-Grand Island Police Department
6. Andrew Bestenlehner-NE State Patrol
7. Jared Dustako-NE State Patrol
8. Tanner Engel-NE State Patrol
9. Matthew Guzman-NE State Patrol

Director Mark Stephenson reported that Sgt. Marris of the Bellevue Police Department completed the 24 hour IACP First Line Leadership course. This course has been approved by PSAC for meeting the state standards for the supervision course. Director Stephenson recommended that the Council approve the request for in-lieu-of training for Sgt. Joshua Marris.

### **MOTION**

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

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

Director Mark Stephenson reported that Sgt. Bryce Collamore, Sgt. Brandon Kirkley, Sgt. Ryan Sullivan, Sgt. Jason Wood of the Grand Island Police Department, and Sgt. Matthew Guzman of the Nebraska State Patrol completed the IACP LPO 120 hour training course. This course has been accepted by PSAC for meeting the state standards for the supervision course. Sgt. Jared Dustako and Sgt. Tanner Engel of the Nebraska State Patrol completed the PSAC approved Nebraska State Patrol 28 hour supervision course. Sgt. Andrew Bestenlehner of the Nebraska State Patrol completed the IACP LPO 120 hour training course. Director Stephenson recommended that the Council approve these requests for in-lieu-of training.

### **MOTION**

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

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

#### **E. Extension of the 1-year Requirement for Management Training**

1. Wayne Connell-Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
2. Brendan O'Flynn-Omaha Police Department
3. Queno Martinez-Omaha Police Department
4. Justin Smith-Omaha Police Department

Director Mark Stephenson reported that Lt. Wayne Connell is requesting an extension of the 1 year requirement to attend management training. He was unable to complete the 2024 management course and is requesting the extension to attend the 2025 management course. Lt. Justin Smith, Lt. Brendan O'Flynn and Lt. Queno Martinez of the Omaha Police Department are requesting extensions of the 1 year requirement to attend management in order to complete the online management course in 2025.

### **MOTION**

**Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion to grant the extension for the online management courses for those listed on the agenda provided they take the next available online course. Chief Graham seconded the motion.**

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

Chief Reeves questioned whether Lt. Connell needed an extension for just the online course. Director Mark Stephenson clarified that Lt. Connell was promoted

in September 2024 and was not able to attend the in-person management course in October of 2024 and is requesting an extension to attend the 2025 course.

**MOTION**

**Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion that we grant the extension for Wayne Connell from the Lincoln County Sheriff 's Office for his management class. His in-person management class provided he attends the next available management class. Chief Graham seconded the motion.**

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

**F. Omaha Police Department Request to Conduct Management**

Director Mark Stephenson reported that the Omaha Police Department is requesting to conduct their own management course. The NLETC compliance team reviewed the submitted schedule for a 40 hour course. The course will meet all of the core requirements for management. Director Stephenson recommended that the Council approve the request for the Omaha Police Department to conduct a management course at the Omaha Police Department.

**MOTION**

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

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

**G. Hiring Bonus Grant Approvals**

Riley Lampman-Bellevue Police Department  
Mark Mueller-Bellevue Police Department  
Barbara Shapiro-Bellevue Police Department  
Cameron Toth-Bellevue Police Department  
Anthony Faz-Buffalo Co. Sheriff's Office  
Bryan Evans-Burt Co. Sheriff's Office  
Claire Austell-Dodge Co. Sheriff's Office  
Zachary Windeshausen-Dodge Co. Sheriff's Office  
Jason Derr-Grand Island Police Department  
Rhegan-Jensen-Grand Island Police Department  
Carlos Parra Loya-Grand Island Police Department  
Cameron Petzoldt-Grand Island Police Department  
Solomon Russell-Grand Island Police Department  
Bret Schamp-Grand Island Police Department

James Sacco-Hastings Police Department  
Jonas Hansen-Minden Police Department  
Ja"Rod Kirksey-Sarpy Co. Sheriff's Office  
Tucker Meyer-Sidney Police Department  
Michael Stone-Sidney Police Department  
Samuel Bowman-York Police Department

Jessica Wagoner reported that the individuals listed under item G applied for the hiring bonus grant. The compliance team vetted the applications utilizing the NLETC database. It was determined that the applicants listed have met the requirements to receive the hiring bonus grant. "I would recommend that you approve the hiring bonus grants for the applicants listed under item G."

### **MOTION**

**Chief Graham: So moved. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille. Abstained: Sheriff London for J'Rod Kirksey from Sarpy Co. Sheriff's Office. Motion approved.**

#### **H. PSD Judge Certification**

1. Randy Pignotti: Omaha Police Department (Narcotics Detector Dog Judge)
2. Jeremy Wedel: Omaha Police Department (Narcotics Detector Dog Judge)

Director Mark Stephenson reported that Sgt. Randy Pignotti and Officer Jeremy Wedel from the Omaha Police Department successfully graduated from the Narcotics Detector Dog Judge course. The course was held at the Utah POST and instructed by Teaching Judge, Sgt. Art Lopez in December 2024. As defined in Title 79, Chapter 18, Section 005 Definitions, they have met all of the requirements necessary to become PSAC approved Narcotics Detector Dog Judges. Director Stephenson recommended the issuance of their Nebraska Narcotics Detector Judge certification.

### **MOTION**

**Sheriff Osmond: So moved. Chief Graham seconded the motion.**

**Voting in favor: Chief Graham, Sheriff London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Sgt. Bolzer. 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: The NCO's that completed the required 80 hours of training were listed on the agenda for the Council's information. No action needed.

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

March 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m., Library, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center,  
3600 North Academy Road, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801

Hearing no further business, Chief Reeves adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Steven Gobel, Secretary to the Police Standards Advisory Council

