

**AMENDED AGENDA
POLICE STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL**



Jim Pillen, Governor

DATE: September 10, 2026
TO: Police Standards Advisory Council
FROM: Mark Stephenson, Director
SUBJECT: Meeting Wednesday, September 16, 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 AUGUST 19, 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: Contested-Voting Item**
Gabriel Walz: LR-309-25
- B. Revocation: Voluntary Surrender-Voting Item**
 - 1. Nolan Dudik: LR-344-26
 - 2. James Hudson: LR-348-26



3. Jay Welch: LR-349-26

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

1. Aaron Farritor: Box Butte County Sheriff's Office-26-PSAC-111

2. Noah Lewis: Nebraska City Police Department-26-PSAC-112

D. Extension of 1-Year Requirement to Attend Management-Voting Item Attachment 2

1. Joshua Moline: Hall County Sheriff's Office

2. Derek White: Rock County Sheriff's Office

E. Extension: Handgun Instructor Certification-Voting Item Attachment 3

Katherine Schwenke: Lincoln Police Department

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Nathan True	Scottsbluff PD

G. Hiring Bonus-Voting Item

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Sean Marr	Boys Town PD
Emma Liske	Grand Island PD
James Torres	Madison Co SO
Grant Jensen	Nemaha Co SO
Conor Dempsey	Norfolk Police Division
Kevin Rodriguez	Norfolk Police Division
Silverio Barrios	West Point PD

H. Police Service Dog Evaluator Recertification-Voting Item Attachment 4

Austin Donner: Nebraska State Patrol

I. Public Comments

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Informational Items

1. Trainees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
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Gillian Fell
Austin Elkins
Dustin Naylor

Dundy Co SO
Jefferson Co SO
Ogallala PD

B. Date, Time & Location of Next Meeting

October 21, 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
August 19, 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 August 12, 2026. Roll call; Sgt. Drew Bolzer, Chief Paul Graham, Sheriff Greg London, Sheriff Dan Osmond, Chief Steve Reeves, Lt. Col. Jeff Roby, Asst. Chief Jason Stille, Deputy Chief Sherie Thomas. Absent: Mr. Matthew McCarthy.

II. APPROVAL OF July 15, 2026 P.S.A.C. MINUTES

MOTION

Sgt. Bolzer: I make a motion to approve. Sheriff London seconded the motion.

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

III. REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Director Mark Stephenson reported:

- Revocation Stats: 27 new 791 reports have been received since January 1, 2026. 5 were cleared that did not rise to the level of serious misconduct. 22 were referred for formal investigations. 4 citizen complaints have been received. 3 were cleared that did not rise to the level of serious misconduct and 1 has been forwarded for formal investigation. There have been 4 voluntary surrenders of their certification.
- Of the 33 cases reviewed in 2025:
 - 8 are still open awaiting hearing dates for appeals to PSAC.
 - 3 have felony criminal charges and are awaiting trial.



- 3 cases have been heard by PSAC in 2026 resulting in decertification.
- The 225th will start September the 7th. (Corrected to 224th with a start date of August 31st.) There are 46 students enrolled. There are two applications that are coming before PSAC for an appeal in September. December 17, 2026.

B. Deputy Director's Report

Deputy Director Gene Boner reported:

- The 223rd Basic class will be graduating on August 20, 2026 with 43 students. Buffalo County Sheriff Neal Miller will be the speaker.
- Specialized Courses:
 - Firearms Instructor Recertification: July 14, 2026: 4 students enrolled.
 - Patrol Rifle Instructor Recertification: July 15, 2026: 3 students enrolled.
 - Staff Instructor Rachel Kohlman conducted a regional de-escalation, mental health and wellness training in Lincoln with 23 people in attendance.
 - Defensive Tactics Instructor: August 3-7, 2026: 24 students enrolled.
 - Instructor Development: August 3-6, 2026: 11 students enrolled.

C. Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy

Captain Noah McNeese reported:

- Camp 74 currently in week 7 with 13 recruits enrolled. Captain McNeese reported on the major classes completed and in progress.
- NSP will be hosting a first line leadership October 2-4, 2026. 16 open slots will be available for other agencies.
- Introduced the new Lieutenant. J.J. Pedersen is the Assistant Director of Training from the Troop C Patrol Division.

D. Crime Commission Report

Executive Director Scott Gray reported:

- First PSAC meeting as the new Executive Director of the Crime Commission.
- LEAR: Mandated payment amounts:
 - \$1500.00 after one year of full time employment.
 - \$2500.00 after three years of full time employment.
 - \$3000.00 after five years of full time employment.
 - Payments are for officers with agencies with less than 75 employees. Officers with agencies with more than 75 employees are only eligible for a one-time payment of \$750.00 after one year of full time employment.
 - The hiring bonus grants: They are for agencies with fewer than 150 full time officers. The applications for the hiring bonus grants will be approved subject to the availability of funds.
 - Executive Director Gray made a recommendation that PSAC set LEAR application deadline dates at a future meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Revocation-Voluntary Surrender

Dustin Weitzel: LR-346-26

Special Assistant Attorney General Jon Hendricks entered one exhibit. Exhibit 1 is the Consent to Revocation of Law Enforcement Certificate and Waiver of Notice and Hearing for Dustin Weitzel. Chief Graham accepted the exhibit and it was entered into the record.

Mr. Hendricks provided the factual summary of the details leading up to the revocation. Mr. Hendricks requested that the Council accept the relinquishment and recommended that Mr. Weitzel's Law Enforcement certificates be revoked based upon his signed voluntary surrender.

MOTION

Sheriff London: Based upon the fact that the respondent has signed a Consent to Revocation of Law Enforcement Certificate and Waiver of Notice and Hearing and has voluntarily surrendered his certificates, I make a motion that the Council accept the surrender of Dustin Weitzel's Nebraska Law Enforcement certificate and Supervision certificate based on the recommendation outlined by Jon Hendricks. Said revocation to be effective upon review and acceptance of the surrender by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Deputy Chief Thomas seconded the motion.

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

B. Appeal: Denial of Admission to Basic Training

Aaron Farritor: Box Butte Co SO

Director Mark Stephenson reported that Box Butte County Sheriff's Office requested that the appeal hearing be moved to the September PSAC meeting. No action was taken.

C. Extension of 1-Year Requirement to Attend Management Training

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

Director Mark Stephenson reported that all of those listed above have completed the in-person management course and have requested an extension of the 1-year requirement to attend management training in order to complete the online portion of the management course. Director Stephenson recommended that the Council approve the extensions for those listed.

MOTION

Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion to approve the extensions of the 1-year requirement for attending management training for those listed on the agenda under item V-C. Sheriff London seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Lt. Col. Roby, Asst. Chief Stille (abstained on Phillip Tran), Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London. Motion approved.

D. Academy Instructor Requests

Professional Original

Troy Bendickson: SDLEA

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

MOTION

Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion to approve the professional original instructor application for Troy Bendickson of the SDLEA Law Enforcement Academy for the subject areas that are marked approved on the instructor application provided in the agenda packet. Lt. Col. Roby seconded the motion.

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

Professional Renewal

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

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 Eugene Boner, Wyatt Hoagland, Michael Kerby, and Mark Stephenson of the NLETC; Gregory Monico, Jonathan Raughton, Chad Reed, William Rinn and Eldon Stull of the Sarpy/Douglas Law Enforcement Academy for the subject areas that are marked approved on the instructor application provided in the agenda packet. Lt. Col. Roby seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Lt. Col. Roby, Asst. Chief Stille, Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London (abstained for the SDLEA instructors), Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves. Motion approved.

General Original
Daniel German: SDLEA
David Swackhammer: SDLEA

After review by the NLETC staff, Deputy Director Gene Boner, "I would recommend the Council approve the original general instructor applications for Daniel German and David Swackhammer of SDLEA."

MOTION

Sheriff London: So moved. Asst. Chief Stille seconded the motion.

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

General Renewal
Monty Lovelace: NSP

After review by the NLETC staff, Deputy Director Gene Boner recommended that the Council approve the general renewal academy instructor application for Monty Lovelace of the Nebraska State Patrol.

MOTION

Sgt. Bolzer: I make a motion to approve the general renewal instructor application for Monty Lovelace of the Nebraska State Patrol 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: Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Graham, Sheriff London, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille. Abstained: Lt. Col. Roby. Motion approved.

E. NCO's Eligible for 16 Week Extension

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Henry Basilio	Columbus PD
Christopher McElwain	Columbus PD
Azael Zumaya	Hall Co SO

Jonathan Brown
Dustin Naylor
Kevin Shields
Evan Reeves

Johnson Co SO
Ogallala PD
Plattsmouth PD
UNO PD

Director Mark Stephenson, "The Non-Certified Conditional Officers listed under item V-E of the agenda have all met the requirements for the 16-week extension I would recommend that the Council approve these extensions."

MOTION

Sheriff London: I make a motion to grant the 16 week extension for the NCO's listed on the agenda under item V-E as outlined by Director Mark Stephenson. Lt. Col. Roby seconded the motion

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

F. Hiring Bonus Grants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Noah Anderson	Central City PD
Ryan Rusche	Fremont PD
Tyler Saxton	Fremont PD
Landon Furne	Lancaster Co SO
Miguel Jaime	Lancaster Co SO
Timothy Shannon	Lancaster Co SO
Nohemi Hurtado-Vigil	Lexington PD
Douglas Chicas	Norfolk PD
Makayla Ireland	Sarpy Co SO
Alexander Ryan	Sarpy Co SO
Devin Holbrooks Darling	Sidney PD
Aibor Huerta	South Sioux City PD
Seth Sloan	UNK PD
Emmett Howell	UNO PD

Director Mark Stephenson reported that the compliance team vetted and approved the applications. All of those listed under item V-F have met the criteria for the hiring bonus and he recommended that the Council approve the applications subject to funding availability.

MOTION

Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion to approve the hiring bonus grants for those listed on the agenda under item V-F as presented by Mark Stephenson. Asst. Chief Stille seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION

Sara Bockstadter asked if the motion was subject to funding availability.

Sheriff Osmond: Yes. I will add that to my motion. Thank you. Asst. Chief Stille seconded the motion.

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

G. 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

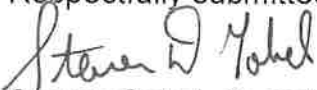
The NCO's who have completed the 80 hours of training were listed on the agenda for the Council's information. No action needed.

B. Date, Time & Location of Next Meeting

September 16, 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 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Gobel, Secretary to the Police Standards Advisory Council