

**LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD (LESB)  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) MEETING**

**MINUTES – MAY 11, 2021**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**LESB EC MEMBERS**

Anthony Burrell  
Todd Delain  
Scott Parks  
Tina Virgil  
Michelle Viste

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

**STAFF**

Katie Maule  
Jerry Mullen  
Thessa Phillips  
Frank Sullivan  
Dana Vike  
Steve Wagner

1. **Call the Meeting to Order** – Todd Delain called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2. **Introductions**
3. **Proof of Posting of Meeting Notices**  
The meeting notice publication procedures were followed in compliance with Wis. Stat. §19.84.
4. **Requests for Waiver of Training & Education Requirements for Officers, Civilians, and Instructors.**

**Preparatory Training Waiver Requests**

- a. Axley, Luke – Pre-Employed  
Staff recommends successful completion of the Reciprocity Examination. Successful completion will result in certifiability as a law enforcement officer in Wisconsin for one year from the date of the exam. The applicant shall complete the Law Enforcement Reciprocity Examination by June 2022.
- b. Brechbuehler, Urs – Pre-Employed  
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- c. Callus, Richard – Pre-Employed  
Staff recommends **against** granting the waiver for the following reason: Applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements for the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Reciprocity exam.
- d. DiPuma, Noah – Pre-Employed  
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- e. Dunse, Dustin – Pre-Employed

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f. Eigenbrod, Colan – Pre-Employed

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g. English, Joshua – Pre-Employed

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h. Hassan, Syed – Pre-Employed

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i. Hickein, Robert – Pre-Employed

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j. Jacks, Trent – Pre-Employed

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k. Jacobs, Brian – Pre-Employed

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l. Johnson, Marc – Pre-Employed

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m. Kucharski, Timothy – Pre-Employed

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n. Meyer, Benjamin – Pre-Employed

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o. Montani, Matthew – Pre-Employed

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p. Nacotee, Richard – Pre-Employed

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q. Notter, Anthony – Pre-Employed

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r. Pallardy, Craig – Pre-Employed

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s. Potenziani, Chad – Pre-Employed

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t. Scherr, Gerard – Pre-Employed

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u. Schutts, Ronald – Pre-Employed

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v. Stavlo, John – Pre-Employed

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w. Delvaux, Brianna – De Pere Police Department

Staff recommends successful completion of the Reciprocity Examination. Successful completion will result in certifiability as a law enforcement officer in Wisconsin for one year from the date of the exam. The applicant shall complete the Law Enforcement Reciprocity Examination within their probationary period and no later than 1/18/2022.

x. Gorr, Benjamin – Sturgeon Bay Police Department

Staff recommends successful completion of the Reciprocity Examination. Successful completion will result in certifiability as a law enforcement officer in Wisconsin for one year from the date of the exam. The applicant shall complete the Law Enforcement Reciprocity Examination within their probationary period and no later than 4/14/2022.

y. Koehn, Jason – Adams County Sheriff's Office

Staff recommends successful completion of the Jail Reciprocity Examination. The applicant shall successfully complete the Jail Reciprocity Examination within their probationary period of employment and no later than 7/12/2021.

z. Lear, Robert – UW-Superior Police Department

Staff recommends successful completion of the Reciprocity Examination. Successful completion will result in certifiability as a law enforcement officer in Wisconsin for one year from the date of the exam. The applicant shall complete the Law Enforcement Reciprocity Examination within their probationary period and no later than 5/11/2022.

aa. Stone, Jadon – UW-Superior Police Department

Staff recommends successful completion of the Reciprocity Examination. Successful completion will result in certifiability as a law enforcement officer in Wisconsin for one year from the date of the exam. The applicant shall complete the Law Enforcement Reciprocity Examination within their probationary period and no later than 2/19/2022.

bb. Talley, Marshall – UW-Superior Police Department

Staff recommends successful completion of the Reciprocity Examination. Successful completion will result in certifiability as a law enforcement officer in Wisconsin for one year from the date of the exam. The applicant shall complete the Law Enforcement Reciprocity Examination within their probationary period and no later than 4/20/2022.

**Motion** to accept staff recommendations for Preparatory Training Waiver Requests. Move by Scott Parks, second by Michelle Viste. Motion carried unanimously.

### **College Credit Waiver Requests**

- a. Backes, Grant – Military  
Staff recommends Mr. Backes receive a waiver for 15 college credits.
- b. Baldwin, Zachary – Military  
Staff recommends Mr. Baldwin receive a waiver for 30 college credits.
- c. Brittenmooney, Alexis – Military  
Staff recommends Ms. Brittenmooney receive a waiver for 19 college credits.
- d. Kauffman, Tyler – DOC Academy  
Staff recommends Mr. Kauffman receive a waiver for 8 college credits.
- e. Novasic, Hertel – Military/Jail Academy  
Staff recommends Mr. Novasic receive a waiver for 28 college credits.
- f. Schumacher, Bradley – LE Academy  
Staff recommends Mr. Schumacher receive a waiver for 20 college credits.
- g. Swinbank, Brandon – LE/Jail Academy  
Staff recommends Mr. Swinbank receive a waiver for 25 college credits.
- h. Weber, Joshua – Military  
Staff recommends Mr. Weber receive a waiver for 15 college credits.
- i. Wercheck, Aaron – Military  
Staff recommends Mr. Wercheck receive a waiver for 30 college credits.

**Motion** to accept staff recommendations for College Credit Waiver Requests. Move by Michelle Viste, second by Scott Parks. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Instructor Waiver Requests**

- a. Aschinger, Michael – UW-Green Bay Police Department  
Michael Aschinger must complete the 32-hour Criminal Justice Instructor Development Course (CJIDC) or review a PowerPoint presentation provided by the Training and Standards Bureau and answer questions related to the PowerPoint verifying his review of the presentation and his understanding of the LESB requirements for instructor certification and recertification. Mr. Aschinger has until September 1, 2021, to complete either option. Once either option is completed, he will be eligible for instructor certification with the LESB and may submit the Instructor Certification Request form (DJ-LE-317) to the Training and Standards Bureau

### **Discussion:**

- Sheriff Delain is unclear on whether Mr. Aschinger has been an instructor within the past three years. Thessa Phillips states that Mr. Aschinger was not asked to provide that information. If he were to be certified as an instructor by the LESB, he would have teaching requirements to fulfill within three years in order to be eligible for recertification.
- Sheriff Delain suggests tabling the request until the next meeting where the LESB could be presented with more information on his instruction in the past three years. Michelle Viste states

that she would be interested to have him attend the next LESB meeting to discuss the circumstances.

**Motion** to table the request until the June 1, 2021, meeting of the LESB so that staff can obtain more information. Move by Scott Parks, second by Tony Burrell. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Requests for Extension of the Time Limits to Gain Employment and Requests for Extension of the Time Limits to Complete Preparatory Training for Officers and Civilians.**

- a. Peterson, Thomas – Adams County Sheriff’s Office  
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 12/1/2021 to allow him to complete preparatory jail officer training.
- b. Underwood, Sarah – Jackson County Sheriff’s Office  
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 12/1/2021 to allow her to complete preparatory jail officer training.
- c. Andraschko, Alexandra – Oconto County Sheriff’s Office  
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 12/1/2021 to complete preparatory jail officer training.
- d. Derenne, Hunter – Outagamie County Sheriff’s Office  
Staff recommends that the applicant receive an extension until 7/1/2021 to complete preparatory jail officer training.
- e. Hintz, Johnathan – Pre-Employed  
Staff recommends granting an extension until 6/26/2021 (60 days) for the applicant to re-gain law enforcement based on the following mitigating circumstances:
  1. Applicant has 23 years of law enforcement experience.
  2. Applicant is currently employed in an investigator position.
  3. A 60-day extension is consistent with precedent for approval.A condition of approval shall be the applicant must pass the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Reciprocity exam by 10/1/2021.
- f. LaValley, John – Pre-Employed  
Staff recommends **against** the granting of the waiver for the following reasons:
  1. Applicant is seeking a waiver of over six months which is inconsistent with precedent and beyond a de minimis request.
  2. Applicant has approximately eight years of experience as a law enforcement officer. Deference for granting extensions for the three-year time frame to re-gain employment is generally granted to officers with twenty or more years of experience.

**Discussion:**

- Michelle Viste asks Training and Standards staff to give an update on the jail academies that occurred in 2020, because there are many requests from jail officers who were hired in 2019. Jerry Mullen states that there were sufficient training opportunities during 2020 despite COVID-19. These requests are common, especially for jail officers, due to staffing difficulties in the jails.

**Motion** to accept staff recommendations for extension requests of time to regain employment and time to complete basic training requirements. Move by Michelle Viste, second by Scott Parks. Motion carried unanimously.

## **6. Training and Standards Bureau Update (TSB)**

### **a. Staff Updates**

- Training and Standards does not have any staffing updates.
- The LESB has experienced a number of membership changes effective May 1, 2021. Chief Chris Domagalski, Sheriff Kurt Picknell, and District Attorney Jennifer Harper are no longer members due to their terms ending. The following individuals have been appointed: Chief Benjamin Bliven (Wausau PD), District Attorney Timothy Gruenke (La Crosse County District Attorney's Office), Sheriff Earnell Lucas (Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office), Lieutenant Jessie Metoyer (Racine Police Department), Sergeant Nicole Miller (UW-La Crosse Police Department), and Mayor Katie Rosenberg (City of Wausau). Dana Vike, Steve Wagner, Frank Sullivan, and Tina Virgil are going to meet virtually with the new members before the June LESB meeting.

### **b. Projects and Initiatives**

- Staff continues to review legislative proposals that would affect law enforcement.
- Stephanie Pederson was asked to represent the International Association of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) to help develop crowd control training with FLETC.
- Dane Vike and Richard Williams continue responding to open records requests.
- There will be changes to the firearms curriculum presented to the LESB in the future. Staff is adding firearm optics to the instructor curriculum.
- The Department of Corrections has established Rule 347, which outlines plans for new secure residential care centers for children and youth (SRCCCY). These centers will replace Lincoln Hills. So far, Racine is the only county in serious discussions about building a facility, but progress has slowed as they do not know where to build. Training and Standards will be using Rule 347 to develop a secure juvenile detention academy that will be available for juvenile detention officers and SRCCCY officers.
- Sheriff Delain asks if there will be an easy way for current secure detention officers to become SRCCCY officers? Steve Wagner confirms that staff has discussed developing a 40-hour training for current secure detention officers to complete for eligibility to work in a SRCCCY.

## **7. Roundtable**

- Sheriff Delain asks what is the best way to get more information on what is being discussed in the advisory committees? Steve Wagner suggests viewing the committee meeting minutes that are posted on WILENET or contact Training and Standards staff with questions.
- Tina Virgil understands Sheriff Delain's request for more information because there are a lot of changes being proposed and discussed. She will discuss the best way to provide this information to the LESB with Steve Wagner and Dana Vike.
- Dana Vike mentions that the Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2021. Dana will send an invite to the Executive Committee members. They are

welcome to attend the meeting to learn about revisions to the curriculum in advance of the June 1, 2021, LESB meeting.

- The Wisconsin Department of Justice has launched a Clergy Abuse Initiative in which the Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS) is heavily involved. Michelle Viste states that OCVS may be partnering with local law enforcement in clergy abuse cases that are within the statute of limitations.
- OCVS is collaborating with the Division of Law Enforcement Services (DLES) and the Division of Legal Services (DLS) to provide a training on working with victims with disabilities. The training will be available for prosecutors, law enforcement, and victim service providers.

**8. Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn by Tony Burrell, second by Michelle Viste. Motion carried unanimously.



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Tina R. Virgil  
Secretary

Minutes taken by Katie Maule.