

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

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 14, 2023

ATTENDANCE:

LESB EC MEMBERS

Kalvin Barrett
Benjamin Bliven
Todd Delain
Steve Wagner

ABSENT MEMBERS

Timothy Carnahan

STAFF

Ron Betley
Katie Maule
Jerry Mullen
Thessa Phillips
Dawn Strassman
Dana Vike

Guests: None

1. Call the Meeting to Order – Todd Delain called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

2. Introductions

3. Proof of Posting of Meeting Notices

The meeting notice publication procedures were followed in compliance with Wis. Stat. §19.84.

Motion to adjust the agenda to move 4c ahead of 4a to allow Thessa Phillips to return to the Training Conference. Move by Ben Bliven, second by Calvin Barrett. Motion Carried unanimously.

4. Requests for Waivers of Training & Education Requirements for Officers, Civilians, and Instructors.

Instructor Waiver Requests

a. Gerisch, Falyne – Fox Valley Technical College

Staff recommends credentialing Falyne Gerisch as a Physical Evidence Collection Instructor based on her completion of the instructor development course and prior trainings and certifications for her position as a physical evidence technician.

Motion to approve the credentialing as a Physical Evidence Collection instructor for Falyne Gerisch through the end of calendar year 2023. Move by Ben Bliven, second by Calvin Barrett. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Gile, Aaron – Waupun Police Department

Staff recommends approving Officer Gile’s waiver request to use military police experience to attend the CJIDC and be eligible for instructor certification.

Motion to deny the instructor waiver request for Aaron Gile. Move by Ben Bliven, second by Todd Delain. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Hoskins, Jason – Waukesha County Sheriff’s Office

Staff recommends against an extension for Deputy Hoskins. He has surpassed the six-month grace period. In order to be eligible for instructor certification in the future, new instructor certification requirements apply, including recompletion of instructor development training,

topic specific instructor course completion, and submission of Form DJ-LE-317, all within a period not to exceed two (2) years.

Motion to accept staff recommendation to deny the instructor waiver request for Jason Hoskins. Move by Calvin Barrett, second by Ben Bliven. Motion carried unanimously.

Preparatory Training Waiver Requests

- a. Bazan, Joshua – 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 February 14, 2024.
- b. Becht, Ryan – 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 February 14, 2024.
- c. Carrion, Benjamin – 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 February 14, 2024.
- d. Chae, Scott – 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 February 14, 2024.
- e. Cline, Justin – 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 February 14, 2024.
- f. Conley, Daniel – 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 February 14, 2024.
- g. Patton, Marshawn – 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 February 14, 2024.

- h. Schultz, Patrick – 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 February 14, 2024.
- i. Shepherd, Daniel – Pre-Employed
Staff recommends successful completion of the reciprocity examination. Successful completion will result in certifiability as a law enforcement officer in Wisconsin for up to one year from the date of the exam. The applicant shall complete the law enforcement reciprocity examination by February 14, 2024.
- j. Stavely, Frank – 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 successfully complete the law enforcement reciprocity examination by February 14, 2024.
- k. Sweeny, Elizabeth – 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 successfully complete the law enforcement reciprocity examination by February 14, 2024.
- l. Yaroch, Christopher – 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 successfully complete the law enforcement reciprocity examination by February 14, 2024.
- m. Ebert, Ryan – Winnebago County Sheriff's Office
Staff recommends successful completion of the reciprocity examination. The applicant shall complete the law enforcement reciprocity examination within their probationary period and no later than 8/1/2023. **Correction: The applicant shall complete the jail officer reciprocity examination within their probationary period and no later than 8/1/2023.**
- n. Eldridge, Tyler – Green County Sheriff's Office
Staff recommends successful completion of the jail reciprocity examination. The applicant shall complete the jail officer reciprocity exam within their probationary period and no later than 10/10/2023.
- o. John, Ashley – Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office
Staff recommends successful completion of the jail reciprocity examination. The applicant shall complete the jail officer reciprocity exam within their probationary period and no later than 4/18/2023.
- p. Kornstein, Benjamin – Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office

Staff recommends successful completion of the jail reciprocity examination. The applicant shall complete the jail officer reciprocity exam within their probationary period and no later than 6/13/2023.

- q. Ohlemiller, Tiffany – Fond du Lac County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends successful completion of the jail reciprocity examination. The applicant shall complete the jail officer reciprocity exam within their probationary period and no later than 6/13/2023.
- r. Organ, Michelle – Sauk County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends successful completion of the jail reciprocity examination. The applicant shall complete the jail officer reciprocity exam within their probationary period and no later than 12/19/2023.
- s. Streif, Naomi – Sauk County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends successful completion of the jail reciprocity examination. The applicant shall complete the jail officer reciprocity exam within their probationary period and no later than 9/15/2023.
- t. Thunberg, Eric – Lake Delton Police Department
Staff recommends successful completion of the reciprocity examination. The applicant shall complete the law enforcement reciprocity examination within their probationary period and no later than 1/3/2024.
- u. Ward, Cyle – Vernon County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends successful completion of the jail reciprocity examination. The applicant shall complete the jail officer reciprocity exam within their probationary period and no later than 6/13/2023.
- v. Williams, Steven – Prescott Police Department
Staff recommends successful completion of the reciprocity examination. The applicant shall complete the law enforcement reciprocity examination within their probationary period and no later than 7/8/2023.
- w. Woertz, Gina – Langlade County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends successful completion of the jail reciprocity examination. The applicant shall complete the jail officer reciprocity exam within their probationary period and no later than 11/21/2023.

Motion to approve staff recommendations for preparatory training waiver requests with the noted change for Ryan Ebert. Move by Ben Bliven, second by Calvin Barrett. Motion carried unanimously.

College Credit Waiver Requests

- a. Adsit, Jonathan – Military/LE Academy
Staff recommends Mr. Adsit receive a waiver for 30 college credits.
- b. Boettcher, Jordan – LE Academy/Jail Academy
Staff recommends Mr. Boettcher receive a waiver for 25 college credits.

- c. Davenport, Cody – Military
Staff recommends Mr. Davenport receive a waiver for 60 college credits.
- d. Freiberg, Zachary – LE Academy
Staff recommends Mr. Freiberg receive a waiver for 20 college credits.
- e. LaCourt-Baker, Thomas – Military/LE Academy
Staff recommends Mr. LaCourt-Baker receive a waiver for 48 college credits.
- f. McIntosh, Shaundae – LE Academy
Staff recommends Mr. McIntosh receive a waiver for 20 college credits.

Motion to accept staff recommendations for college credit waiver requests. Move by Ben Bliven, second by Calvin Barrett. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: Jerry Mullen relayed that in the Academy Director’s Meeting this week, Frank Hefti from the Wisconsin State Patrol stated that his agency will be reinstating the 60-college credit requirement. They decreased the requirement about three years ago to increase their applicant pool, but this was not a good experience. Starting in 2024, the Wisconsin State Patrol will reinstate the 60-college credit requirement.

Todd Delain remarked that this is important information, and it will be discussed with the Wisconsin Chiefs and Sheriff’s associations.

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

- a. Campbell, Azani – Columbia County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 12/1/2023 to allow her to complete preparatory jail officer training.
- b. Collins, Amelia – Douglas County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 8/1/2023 to allow her to complete preparatory jail officer training.
- c. Blessen, Darrell – Grant County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 8/1/2023 to allow him to complete preparatory jail officer training.
- d. Bonilla, Victoria – Grant County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 8/1/2023 to allow her to complete preparatory jail officer training.
- e. Crossman, Nikohl – Juneau County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 6/30/2023 to allow her to complete preparatory jail officer training.

- f. Selck, James – Monroe County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 8/1/2023 to allow him to complete preparatory jail officer training
- g. Lueptow, Frederick – Oconto County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 12/1/2023 to allow him to complete preparatory jail officer training
- h. Peterson, Jacob – Oconto County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 12/1/2023 to allow him to complete preparatory jail officer training
- i. Bechel, Benjamin – Pierce County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 12/1/2023 to allow him to complete preparatory jail officer training. A draft letter to the agency is enclosed for review.

Motion to deny staff recommendations for Benjamin Bechel’s extension request for time to complete preparatory jail officer training. Move by Benjamin Bliven, second by Todd Delain. Motion carried unanimously.

- j. Wendorf, Jessica – Portage County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 12/31/2023 to allow her to complete preparatory secure juvenile detention officer training.
- k. Buchanan, Emerson – Rock County Secure Juvenile Detention
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 8/1/2023 to allow her to complete preparatory SJD officer training.
- l. Copeland, Crystal – Rock County Secure Juvenile Detention
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 8/1/2023 to allow her to complete preparatory SJD officer training.
- m. Harnack, Brandie – Rock County Secure Juvenile Detention
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 8/1/2023 to allow her to complete preparatory SJD officer training.
- n. Ingle, Brittany – Rock County Secure Juvenile Detention
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 8/1/2023 to allow her to complete preparatory SJD officer training
- o. Kreinz, Mandy – Rock County Secure Juvenile Detention
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 8/1/2023 to allow her to complete preparatory SJD officer training
- p. Rhein, Dakota – Rusk County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 8/1/2023 to allow him to complete preparatory jail officer training.

- q. Eagan, Jacob – Sheboygan County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 8/1/2023 to allow him to complete preparatory jail officer training.
- r. Drake, Hannah – St. Croix County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 6/1/2023 to allow her to complete preparatory jail officer training.
- s. Guse, Ida – Wood County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 12/31/2023 to allow her to complete preparatory jail officer training.
- t. Schulz, Connie – Wood County Sheriff’s Office
Staff recommends the applicant receive an extension until 12/31/2023 to allow her to complete preparatory jail officer training.
- u. Brechbeuhler, Urs – Pre-employed
Staff recommends approval of the waiver request. The recommendation for approval is based on the following mitigating circumstances/conditions:
- The applicant served ten years in the Swiss Air Force as a law enforcement officer.
 - The applicant shall gain employment with a law enforcement agency by 4/1/2023.
 - The applicant shall then complete the law enforcement reciprocity examination by 8/1/2023.

The applicants Application for Extension of the Timeframe to Regain Officer Employment (form DL-LE-342) is included in the packet.

- v. Egger, Troy – Pre-employed
Staff recommends approval of the waiver request. The recommendation for approval is based on the following mitigating circumstances/conditions:
- The applicant has been serving in a law enforcement training capacity since his resignation from Rock County SO.
 - The applicant shall gain employment with a law enforcement agency by 4/1/2023.
 - The applicant shall then complete the law enforcement reciprocity examination by 8/1/2023.

The applicants Application for Extension of the Timeframe to Regain Officer Employment (form DL-LE-342) is included in the packet.

- w. Keeton, Jamie – Pre-employed
Staff recommends approval of the waiver request. The recommendation for approval is based on the following mitigating circumstances/conditions:
- The applicant has been working as a first responder since his resignation from law enforcement.
 - The applicant shall gain employment with a law enforcement agency by 4/1/2023.
 - The applicant shall then complete the law enforcement reciprocity examination by 8/1/2023.

- x. Leitzke, Andrew – Pre-employed
Staff recommends approval of the waiver request. The recommendation for approval is based on the following mitigating circumstances/conditions:
- The applicant has extensive experience in private security and has worked in that capacity since resigning from law enforcement.
 - The applicant shall gain employment with a law enforcement agency by 4/1/2023.
 - The applicant shall then complete the law enforcement reciprocity examination by 8/1/2023.
- y. Oechsle, Kristin – Pre-employed
Staff recommends approval of the waiver request. The recommendation for approval is based on the following mitigating circumstances/conditions: **Correction: Jail reciprocity exam, not law enforcement reciprocity exam.**
- The applicant worked part time for two agencies for over five years.
 - The applicant shall gain employment with Lafayette County Sheriff's Office by 6/1/2023.
 - The applicant shall then complete the law enforcement reciprocity examination by 10/1/2023.
- z. Reimer, Amanda – Pre-employed
Staff recommends approval of the waiver request. The recommendation for approval is based on the following mitigating circumstances/conditions:
- The applicant has been working in the criminal justice system since her resignation from law enforcement as a Case Coordinator with the Sauk County Courts.
 - The applicant earned a B.A. in Criminal Justice since her resignation from law enforcement.
 - The applicant shall gain employment with a law enforcement agency by 4/1/2023.
 - The applicant shall then complete the law enforcement reciprocity examination by 8/1/2023.

The applicant's Application for Extension of the Timeframe to Regain Officer Employment (DJ-LE-342) is included in the packet.

- aa. Starkey, Wesley – Pre-employed
Staff recommends approval of the waiver request. The recommendation for approval is based on the following mitigating circumstances/conditions:
- The applicant served over 14 years as a full-time law enforcement officer.
 - The applicant's current full-time employment with the Wisconsin DOT as the Highway Safety Grant Manager involves providing guidance and training to law enforcement.
 - The applicant has earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration since his resignation in law enforcement.
 - The applicant shall gain employment with a law enforcement agency by 4/1/2023.
 - The applicant shall then complete the law enforcement reciprocity examination by 8/1/2023.

Motion to approve staff recommendations, with corrections, for extension requests of time to re-gain employment and time to complete basic training requirements. Move by Benjamin Bliven, second by Calvin Barrett. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Training and Standards Bureau (TSB) Update

- The deputy administrator position for the Division of Law Enforcement services will be posted by the end of today. The posting will stay up for ten days.
- The director position for the Training and Standards Bureau will be posted when the deputy administrator has been hired.
- LESB position recommendations were sent to the governor's appointment office before November. One of the positions is for Sheriff Lucas' position, the other is for Michelle Viste's vacant spot, which is also a position on the Executive Committee.
- Todd Delain and Benjamin Bliven's appointments expire on May 1, 2023. Both positions are on the Executive Committee. Voting for the chairman and the vice-chairman occurs in the first meeting of the year in March. There is the potential that the board will have to vote in March and vote again in May.

7. Roundtable

- Welcome to Sheriff Calvin Barrett.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Benjamin Bliven, second by Calvin Barrett. Motion carried unanimously.



Steven Wagner
Secretary

Minutes taken by Dawn Strassman.