

**STATE OF ALASKA
Alaska Police Standards Council**

**Minutes of the 116th Regular Meeting
May 12, 2014
Fairbanks, Alaska**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Troglio called the Regular Meeting of the Alaska Police Standards Council to order on May 12, 2014.

A flag salute was conducted, and a moment of silence was held for all officers who have lost their lives protecting this great nation.

The roll call was conducted as follows:

APSC Members Present:

Vice Chairman Berni Troglio, Prob. Officer IV DOC
Mark Mew, Chief, Anchorage PD
Jamie Sunderland, Chief, Unalaska PD
Ron Taylor, Deputy Commissioner, DOC
Luis Nieves, Sergeant, AST
Gus Sandahl, Chief, Kenai PD
Terry Vrabec, Deputy Commissioner, DPS
Rebecca Hamon, Public Member
Bob Kean, Public Member
Richard Burton, Public Member

APSC Members Absent:

Chairman Sheldon Schmitt, Chief, Sitka PD
Joseph Schmidt, Commissioner, DOC
Brad Reich, Public Member

APSC Administrative Staff Present:

Kelly Alzaharna, Executive Director
Wendy Menze, Secretary
Sarah Hieb, Training Coordinator

Department of Law Representative Present:

John Skidmore, Chief Assistant Attorney General

AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS

People both in the audience and attending telephonically were asked to introduce themselves.

Others Present:

Andrea Jacobson, Corporal, Alaska State Troopers
Kris Sell, Lieutenant, Juneau Police Department
Bryce Johnson, Chief, Juneau Police Department
Sherrie Daigle, Department of Corrections
Cheri Cadiante, Department of Public Safety
Brad Johnson, Deputy Chief, Fairbanks Police Dept.
Clint Thomas, Detective, Anchorage Police Department
Joe Dallaire, Assistant District Attorney, Fairbanks
Ed Mercer, Captain, Juneau Police Department
Travis Schiaffo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the 115th Regular Meeting held February 28, 2014. The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Duane Leventry: The council voted to accept surrender of his certificate.

Jacob Heer: The council voted to accept surrender of his certificate.

Mark Moeller: The council voted to accept surrender of his certificate.

Richard Degenhardt: The council voted to accept surrender of his certificate.

Kimery Spalding: The council voted to accept surrender of his police and corrections certificates.

Joseph Hazelaar: The council determined additional time was needed to discuss the case.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Regulation Review Committee Update

Executive Director Alzaharna reported the committee is continuing their regulations review. They have completed their review of regulations pertaining to police officers and are nearly completed with their review pertaining to corrections officers. The next committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. It is hoped a draft of proposed regulation changes will be available for the council's review at their December meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of fast-tracking a change in the regulations concerning an applicant's prior drug usage, particularly with respect to prescription medications used in an emergency situation. It was expressed that the current regulations are written in such a way as to

restrict otherwise qualified applicants from applying for police officer positions, and this is posing a significant challenge for police departments in meeting their staffing needs. Mr. Skidmore advised that an emergency regulation change would only apply for 120 days and thus would not provide the permanent relief sought.

After further discussion, it was decided to not separate out specific regulations but instead have the Regulation Review Committee continue their overall review and recommendation process in as expedited a manner as possible.

F-3 Revision Update

Executive Director Alzaharna advised the council that the Department of Public Safety's recruitment division requested changes be made to the F-3 form. She noted that this is a form designed by the council for departments to use in having applicants provide the information that is required for verification of minimum standards.

Discussion ensued regarding various changes to the form that would be of benefit to both applicants and also to the council as the reviewing body. Ms. Alzaharna said she would have the APSC staff draft a revised F-3 form and submit it to the recruiting departments in other agencies for their input and then bring back a draft F-3 form reflecting that input to the council for their review and approval.

Council Confirmations

Executive Director Alzaharna noted that DPS Commissioner Gary Folger has been confirmed, so his seat is on the council. Council members Berni Troglia and Dick Burton were each reconfirmed for another term.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be brought up before the council.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Alzaharna noted that the APSC's regular meetings are scheduled six months apart, in December and in May, and are usually concurrent with the Executive Development Conference in December and the APOA Crime Conference in May for the convenience of council members. Next year the APOA Crime Conference is scheduled for the first week in April. Ms. Alzaharna asked council members to consider whether they wanted to meet in conjunction with the APOA Crime Conference and thus shorten the time between that and their December meeting, or if they want to continue with a May date. She advised this could be decided at the upcoming December meeting.

Ms. Alzaharna advised the council that APSC staff is looking at having discussions with the Department of Administration regarding funding sources for the APSC. Currently the APSC is funded 100% from surcharges brought in. The APSC's primary expenditures are the hearings conducted as well as agency training. When the number of hearings goes up, that leaves less for agency training, which could potentially be problematic and needs to be addressed at some point.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Travis Schiaffo addressed the council, requesting that his basic police officer certification be reinstated. Responding to council members' questions, he discussed the situation which led to his voluntary surrender of his certificate pending potential revocation action.

The council met in Executive Session to discuss the matter. Following the Executive Session, the council reconvened in General Session and voted on Mr. Schiaffo's request. Mr. Schiaffo's request was denied.

Mr. Skidmore advised Mr. Schiaffo that the basis of the council's vote to decline his request for reinstatement of his certificate was the council's determination that they didn't have sufficient independent corroboration of his application. Mr. Schiaffo is free to approach the council in the future if he has additional information that would assist the council in their

reconsideration of his request. He may also work with the executive director on this matter.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regularly scheduled APSC meeting will be held December 2, 2014, in Anchorage.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Co-Chair Troglia announced the meeting was adjourned.