

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**Alaska Police Standards Council**  
**Minutes of the 147<sup>th</sup> General Meeting**  
**April 30, 2024**  
**Fairbanks, Alaska and via Teleconference**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hamon called to order the 147th General Meeting of the Alaska Police Standards Council on April 30, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted as follows:

**APSC Members Present**

Chair Rebecca Hamon, Public Member  
Bryan Barlow, Deputy Commissioner, DPS  
Jeff Brown, Chief, North Slope Borough PD  
Daniel Carothers, Public Member  
Michael Craig, Public Member  
Dusty Dumont, Administrative Officer, DOC  
Ron Dupee, Chief, Fairbanks PD  
Stephen Dutra, Chief, North Pole PD  
David Knapp, Sergeant, Correctional Officer IV, DOC  
Shane Nicholson, Lieutenant, Kodiak DPS  
David Ross, Chief, Kenai PD  
Jennifer Winkelman, Commissioner, DOC

**APSC Members Absent**

None

**APSC Administrative Staff Present**

Joseph Gamache, Executive Director  
Sarah Hieb, Administrative Investigator  
Tanya Silva, Administrative Assistant

**Department of Law Representatives Present**

Sarah Stanley, Department of Law  
Jenna Gruenstein, Department of Law

## **2. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS**

Craig Lewis  
Malan Paquette  
Joseph Johnson

## **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

## **4. APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES**

### **December 4, 2023 Regular Meeting**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 4, 2023. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

## **5. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

Malan Pacquette introduced herself as an independent advocate in the South Kenai Peninsula, predominantly advocating across administrative forensic issues involving the State of Alaska sex offender registry, enforcement of the statutes, the inaccuracies observed there, and issues surrounding warrants. She noted that in reviewing the online database, there are several offenders in release status that had no photo, the photo quality was poor, or the photo was too old.

Other issues she noted included follow-through on registration status when a conviction occurs, and she advocated for improved collaboration between the court system and the Department of Corrections. There are around 200 noncompliant sex offenders currently in Alaska with what appears to be little to no enforcement of the applicable statutes. Ms. Pacquette also expressed her concern regarding outdated addresses in the sex offender registry and incorrect listings as to location of incarceration. She noted this database is for the public and should be updated regularly so as not to cause confusion. She concluded her comments by thanking the Council and everyone in uniform for the work they do in protecting the public.

Joseph Johnson introduced himself and shared his experience with his recent rejected application with the Alaska State Troopers. He had been convicted of a felony in 2008. After probation it was changed to a misdemeanor. However, his application to the State Troopers was rejected because the charge was initially a felony, and he asked the Council if there was any leniency that could be instigated for decades-old traffic offenses such as this one.

Chair Hamon thanked Mr. Johnson for his comments and advised him to contact APSC staff regarding this matter. Executive Director Gamache then provided APSC's e-mail address, noting that e-mails sent there will go to all APCS staff members, who can then assist him with his questions and concerns.

## **6. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Hamon thanked everyone for their attendance and noted it was fun being back again in Fairbanks.

## **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The April 30, 2024 Executive Director's Report to Council was distributed electronically to Council members prior to the meeting. Hard copies were also distributed to those attending in person.

ED Gamache highlighted the following from his report:

- Council member Daniel Weatherly elected to not renew his seat on the Council, and it is currently open. Chief Ron Dupee of the Fairbanks Police Department, Chief Jeffrey Brown of the North Slope Borough Police Department, and Dusty Dumont of the Department of Corrections were all reappointed to the Council.
- In August 2023 Training Coordinator Greg Stocker resigned from APSC and returned to DOC as Pretrial Probation and Parole Administrator for Region 5. The position was originally posted last fall and was recently reposted with modifications to the requirements to

hopefully get more applicants interested in the position as it remains vacant.

- In FY24 APSC received and processed approximately 419 formal records requests.
- In FY24 APSC staff evaluated 100 officers' training records to determine if they qualified for Alaska reciprocity or lateral entry hire for another Alaska agency.
- In FY24 APSC received, processed, and responded to 54 new complaints from members of the public regarding perceived officer misconduct or allegations of misconduct by another criminal justice agency. Each of these was referred to the officer's employing agency to address, or to local officials to address. All complainants were notified and responded to in writing.
- APSC Staff continued with ongoing misconduct investigations. 30 new cases were opened and 19 existing investigations were closed, including those closed by final action taken at the last APSC meeting. There are now 52 active cases, 2 of which are before OAH. There are 13 cases that involve active criminal charges pending trials.

ED Gamache then reviewed APSC case history statistics from calendar year 2019 to present, noting that the Council operates on a fiscal year basis. For calendar year 2024 there are 12 open cases and 12 new cases so far. He then reviewed the chart showing APSC certificates issued from FY15 to date in FY24.

ED Gamache next referred to the chart on page 3 of his report which reflects the training events sponsored by APSC, including the number of officers attending, the training hours accumulated, academy attendees and their training hours, and the certificates that were issued for basic, intermediate, and advanced training. He noted that not included in the numbers on the chart is CIT grant funding of \$80,000, earmarked to train 2,114 students through CIT-related training for a total of 10,586 training hours, including the DOC Stronger Families training. The full grant amount has been committed to FY24.

To date in FY24 there have been 100 reciprocity evaluations, 419 records requests, 30 new misconduct investigations, 19 investigations closed, and

one OAH hearing held, with one administrative hearing held in abeyance pending resolution of the underlying criminal case. He then noted the command changes across Alaska:

- Anchorage Police Department Chief Michael Kerle retired.
- Anchorage Police Department appoints Bianca Cross as Chief.
- Bristol Bay Borough PD appoints Jeffrey Elbie as Chief.
- King Cove Police Department Chief Robert Gould announced his retirement.
- DPS AWT Colonel Bernard Chastain announced his retirement.
- Bethel Police Department Chief Leonard Hicks resigned.

ED Gamache reported that the certification proposed regulations public comments and questions were received. This is now ripe for Council action at this meeting.

ED Gamache then referred the Council to the fiscal report and budget-versus-expenditures graph on pages 4 and 5 of his report.

## **8. STAFF REPORT**

Administrative Assistant Tanya Silva reported that APSC is now uploading hiring information and requests for certification into ACADIS, including scanning and uploading older card files. In addition, registration for all academies is available online through the ACADIS portal. She thanked DOC for their assistance in working with the program and noted the different agencies that have requested training. She invited anyone else needing training on these features to contact her. ACADIS provides a secure online platform with all the pertinent information in one location.

Administrative Investigator Sarah Hieb noted that with the Training Coordinator position still vacant, things are a little behind in getting courses and instructors approved. They are currently working on making the Methods of Instruction course available to those who need it. She reported that Juneau Police Department is looking to start using APSC as a full-time training facility. She noted that cases involving criminal charges have to be resolved before they can be brought before the Council. Two pending cases have been resolved and will be discussed in Executive Session. She concluded her report with a request that all records requests come through APSC as that simplifies the process.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Proposed Regulation Projects:**

#### **Certificates**

Sarah Hieb noted that the Alaska Police Standards Council is proposing to adopt regulation changes in 13 AAC 85.045 – 13 AAC 85.237 of the Alaska Administrative Code dealing with certifications, including the following:

1. 13 AAC 85.045 is proposed to be added to establish standards for supervisory and management professional certifications levels for police.
2. 13 AAC 85.230 is proposed to be amended to establish standards for intermediate and advanced professional certification levels for probation, parole, and correctional officers.
3. 13 AAC 85.232 is proposed to be added to establish standards for supervisory and management professional certification levels for probation, parole, and correctional officers.
4. 13 AAC 85.235 is proposed to be amended to establish standards for intermediate and advanced professional certification levels for municipal correctional officers.
5. 13 AAC 85.237 is proposed to be added to establish standards for supervisory and management professional certification levels for municipal correctional officers.

Per regulation this has been put out for public comment, and Sarah Hieb noted that while there were no public comments, there were a number of questions, and those were provided to the Council prior to the meeting. The procedure is for the Council to adopt regulation changes. Then those are sent to the Department of Law for review, and the DOL will either approve them, or send them back to the Council with recommended corrections/changes. If Council corrections/changes are requested, final approval will then be made by the Council. The finalized regulation changes will then be submitted to the Governor's office to become official.

Sarah Hieb then put the proposed regulations with the descriptions and eligibility requirements for each new certificate up on the screen before the Council to facilitate discussion. The Council then reviewed the language and specifications for each new certificate, with Sarah Hieb entering the

Council's approved changes on the screen for all to see. When the review was completed, Chair Hamon requested motions for the Council to adopt the revisions as discussed, and then to submit the revised regulation changes to the Department of Law.

It was moved and seconded to accept the revisions to the regulation changes as discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the regulation changes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Boards and Commission Training Scheduling**

Sarah Hieb reported that there will be a Boards and Commissions Training meeting specifically tailored for Council members and staff regarding roles, responsibilities, ethics, applicable law, and state standards. It will be conducted with a Zoom component for ease of accessibility. She noted that an e-mail will be sent out suggesting possible dates, and it will be scheduled following Council input.

## **11. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session to address subjects that may tend to prejudice the reputation and character of individuals and for deliberations on adjudicatory proceedings in APSC cases: 2016-11, 2022-14, 2023-09, 2023-22, 2023-29, 2023-30, and 2024-04. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

## **12. CALL BACK TO ORDER – GENERAL SESSION**

Following deliberations during Executive Session, Chair Hamon called the General Session back to order.

A roll call was conducted, and all members present at the start of the meeting remained in attendance.

#### **14. ADJOURN TO DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn to Deliberative Session under AS 44.62.310(d) to address OAH 23-0357-POC/APSC Case 2022-15. The parties, their attorneys, all members of the APSC staff, and all members of the public will be excluded from the Deliberative Session. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

#### **15. CALL BACK TO ORDER – GENERAL SESSION**

Following deliberations during Deliberative Session, Chair Hamon called the General Session back to order.

A roll call was conducted, and all members present at the start of the meeting remained in attendance.

#### **13. BUSINESS ARISING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

##### **Council Consideration of Probable Cause to Initiate Revocation Action**

**2022-14:** It was moved and seconded that the Council find probable cause to pursue revocation proceedings in Case 2022-14. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with 11 yes votes and one recusal: Winkelman. Case subject: William Malone.

**2023-22:** It was moved and seconded that the Council find probable cause to pursue revocation proceedings in Case 2023-22. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with 10 yes votes and 2 recusals: Winkelman and Dumont. Case subject: Connor Mickel.

**2023-29:** It was moved and seconded that the Council find probable cause to pursue revocation proceedings in Case 2023-29. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 12 yes votes. Case subject: Kody Decker.



**2023-30:** It was moved and seconded that the Council find probable cause to pursue revocation proceedings in Case 2023-30. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with 11 yes votes and 1 recusal: Winkelman. Case subject: Michael Hand.

**2024-04:** It was moved and seconded that the Council find probable cause to pursue revocation proceedings in Case 2024-04. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 12 yes votes. Case subject: Sean Imhof.

### **Certificate Disqualification or Revocation Actions**

**2023-09:** It was moved and seconded that the Council revoke certification in Case 2023-09. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with 11 yes votes and one recusal: Winkelman. Case subject: Robert Pitka.

**2016-11:** It was moved and seconded that the Council disqualify certification in Case 2016-11. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 12 yes votes. Case subject: Nicholas Hunnicutt.

### **Action to Accept Surrendered Certification**

Sarah Hieb reported that APSC had the following individual sign a consent agreement, which was accepted, and his certificate was surrendered: 2022-22, Thomas Radke.

## **16. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

### **Council Consideration of OAH 23-0357-POC/APSC 2022-15**

**2022-15:** It was moved and seconded that, pursuant to AS 44.64.060(e)(4), the Council reject Footnote 80 and that the Council issue a final decision reflecting those changes. The motion passed unanimously with 12 yes votes. Case subject: Quinlan McQuoid.

**2022-15:** It was moved and seconded that, pursuant to

AS 44.64.060(e)(1), the Council adopt the proposed decision as amended.  
The motion passed unanimously with 12 yes votes. Case subject: Quinlan McQuoid.

#### **17. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

There were no persons wanting to be heard.

#### **18. COUNCIL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Council comments or announcements.

#### **19. SCHEDULING OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Council meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2024 in Anchorage in conjunction with the Executive Development Conference.

#### **20. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous consent, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.