

# WASHINGTON STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION

19010 1st Avenue South, Burien, WA 98148

## **COMMISSION MEETING**

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 10 AM

## COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laura Wells, Citizen-at-Large

Joshua Kelsey, Sergeant, Lynnwood Police Department (Telephonically)

Ken Hohenberg, Chief, Kennewick Police Department

John Turner, Sheriff, Walla Walla County (Telephonically)

Penelope Sapp, Lieutenant, Kitsap County Jail (Telephonically)

Robert Latter, Sergeant, Clark County

Bill Elfo (Vice-Chair), Sheriff, Whatcom County (Telephonically for part of the meeting)

John Hillman, Assist. Attorney General, Attorney General's Office (Commission Advisor)

## **WSCJTC STAFF PRESENT:**

Sue Rahr, Executive Director

Rex Caldwell, Deputy Director

Marisa O'Neill, Executive Assistant

Rick Bowen, Commander, Basic Training Division

Matt Faulk, Manager, Advanced Training Division

Donna Rorvik, Manager, Quality & Standards Division

Sonja Peterson, Manager, Human Resources

Tisha Jones, Manager, Certification Unit

Brian Elliott, Manager, Fiscal Services Unit

Ian Edwards, Assistant Commander, Basic Training Division

Rachelle Wright, Program Manager, Advanced Training Division

Ethan Swenson, Administrative Assistant 3, Information Technology Unit

### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

Ned Newlin, Jail Services Liaison, Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs Sean Ryan, Officer, Port Angeles Police Department Brian Smith, Chief, Port Angeles Police Department Liam Roney

## **OPENING**

Ken Hohenberg, Presiding

Commissioner Hohenberg called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

**Marisa O'Neill** conducted a roll call of the Commissioners. Only 6 Commissioners were present, therefore there was no quorum. Marisa advised attendees that Vice-Chair Elfo intended to make himself available for a few minutes a bit later to vote on critical items, but was called to a hearing at the last moment and was not able to attend the entire meeting.

**Commissioner Hohenberg** thanked everyone for attending and asked for their patience as we progressed through as much of the agenda as possible in the time allotted.

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

**Commissioner Hohenberg** asked that voting on the minutes from the December meeting be pushed to the June meeting agenda.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Sue Rahr, Executive Director

## **Personnel Changes**

**Director Rahr** shared Samantha Thomson-Daly had recently moved on from CJTC and introduced Ethan Swenson. Ethan shared a bit of his bio and was welcomed by the Commission.

## Representation Changes

**Director Rahr** shared she'd been advised by the AG's Office that John Hillman was reassigned and we were assigned a new legal advisor. Jennie Cowan will be joining us at the next meeting. Chief Hohenberg took a moment to thank John for his work and wise counsel over the years and shared his appreciation that he would be helping Jennie during the transition.

## Legislative Update

**Director Rahr** shared the most important update being the passing of I-940 and ESHB 3003. She shared how tirelessly our colleagues at WASPC worked with our law enforcement partners as well as citizens groups to come up with agreeable terms. She provided a Hand-out titled Deadly Force Initiative Requirements for CJTC. The handout is attached to these minutes.

## **Budget Update**

**Director Rahr** provided a Hand-out titled Budget Update. The handout is attached to these minutes. She shared we received funding for only one additional BLEA class, but two additional Corrections Classes. Those classes will be added prior to July 2018. We also received two additional Corrections Classes for next year. Scheduling for those will take place shortly. She also shared we received \$900,000 per year to accomplish the requirements set forth in the I-940 legislation.

## 21CPL

**Director Rahr** provided an update on the tremendous progress taking place building this course. The new program will shorten the number of days in the classroom, have greater application and less theory, and will utilize various media and online training. A beta test is scheduled for next week and she expects pilots to begin this summer.

#### C2

**Director Rahr** advised that our agency is beginning the second round of Cognitive Command Training in the coming weeks. De-escalation funding for this fiscal year is being utilized.

## Command College

**Director Rahr** shared that Command College was hosted this past month and the revamped and highly improved Middle Management course was presented.

## **Occupational Analysis**

**Director Rahr** asked Donna Rorvik to discuss the Occupational Analysis. Donna shared we're in the third week of the process to validate our BLEA curriculum. Stakeholders from all over the state are participating.

## **SPD Selection Committee**

**Director Rahr** has been asked to participate on the Selection Committee for Seattle's new Police Chief. She is one of four co-chairs. The Mayor is hoping to have a candidate selected sometime soon.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Commissioner Hohenberg** called for a short break during which Vice-Chair Elfo was brought on the phone in order to hear the next agenda items. Vice-Chair Elfo came on the line and a quorum was then present.

## Variance Request

Tisha Jones, Certification Manager

**Tisha Jones** provided the Commissioners with a packet containing a variance request for Officer Sean Ryan of the Port Angeles Police Department.

After reviewing the packet and hearing testimony, **Vice-Chair Elfo** moved to approve the application. **Commissioner Kelsey** seconded the motion. <u>The motion passed</u> unanimously.

## **Canine Evaluator Application**

Tisha Jones, Certification Manager

**Tisha Jones** provided the Commissioners with a packet containing a certified canine evaluator application from Sqt. Kevin Miller of the Port Angeles Police Department.

After reviewing the packet and hearing testimony, Commissioner Wells moved to approve the application. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. <u>The motion passed unanimously.</u>

**Tisha Jones** then provided the Commissioners with a packet containing a certified canine evaluator application from Officer Joseph Dickinson of the Lynnwood Police Department.

After reviewing the packet and hearing testimony, **Commissioner Turner** moved to approve the application. **Vice-Chair Elfo** seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.** 

## **Hearing Panel Member Application**

Sonja Peterson, Hearing Coordinator

**Sonja Peterson** provided the Commissioners with applications for WSP Sergeants Trevor Herrud, Brian Mulvaney, Kevin Bell, and Joseph Zimmer.

After reviewing the packet and hearing testimony, **Commissioner Turner** moved to approve the applications. **Vice-Chair Elfo** seconded the motion. <u>The motion passed unanimously.</u>

Vice-Chair Elfo excused himself from the line and a quorum was no longer present.

## **WAC Rule Review**

Tisha Jones, Certification Manager

The WAC Rule Review was postponed to the June Meeting for Public Hearing due to time constraints.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

## **Public Testimony**

**Liam Roney** asked to address the Commission. He advised the Commission he was presenting them with "due notice" of his intent to sue the CJTC for his allegation it violated RCW 51.08.070 Definition of Employer and RCW 51.01.180 Definition of a Worker. He said he was "giving fair warning." **Commissioner Hohenberg** thanked him for his time and Mr. Roney excused himself.

## Chief For a Day

Sonja Peterson advised the group that Chief for a Day will be held August 16th, 2018.

**Commissioner Hohenberg** again thanked everyone for their attendance and their patience during the meeting. He asked if anyone had anything further. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 10:58pm.

Next Meeting: June 13, 2018, 10 AM, WSCJTC		
Written by:	Marisa O'Neill, Executive Assistant	Date Date
Reviewed by:	Susah L. Rahr, Executive Director	C / 3/18 Date
Approved by:	Jeff Myers, Commission Chair	6-13-18 Date