

PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION

July 12, 2022

8:30 AM

**Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission
Remote Participation**

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents Distributed in Advance of Meeting:

- Draft Public Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2022, 2:15 PM
- Draft Public Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2022, 3:00 PM
- Draft Public Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2022
- Memorandum from Enrique Zuniga, Steven Smith and Gina Joyce to Commission re: Status Report on Certification of Officers A-H
- Memorandum from Eric Rebello-Pradas to Commission re: FY23 Budget

In Attendance:

- Chair Margaret R. Hinkle
- Commissioner Hanya Bluestone
- Commissioner Lawrence Calderone
- Commissioner Clementina Chéry
- Commissioner Larry Ellison
- Commissioner Marsha Kazarosian
- Commissioner Charlene Luma
- Commissioner Kimberly P. West
- Commissioner Michael Wynn

1. Call to Order

- The Chair recognized a quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. June 8, 2022
- b. June 21, 2022

- Commissioner Kazarosian moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2:15 and 3:00 PM, and June 21, 2022 meetings. Commissioner Chéry seconded the motion. The Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of the June 8, 2:15 and 3:00 PM, and June 21, 2022 meetings.

3. Executive Director Report – Enrique Zuniga

a. Officer Recertification (A-H)

- On July 1, 2022, the Commission successfully notified 6,309 officers of their recertification status.
- All 431 agencies in the Commission’s scope have either submitted applications for recertification or requested an extension. There are fewer than 13 agencies with extensions pending submission.

- The certification team continues to validate submitted data and address process questions from agencies.
 - To date, 740 officers have received conditional certifications. The majority of conditional certifications are based on technical exceptions (i.e., failure to complete basic training, background check, have current first aid and CPR certificates, complete an oral interview), which the Commission anticipates will be satisfied in the next 90 days.
 - Executive Director Zuniga reviewed the certification process of officers on approve leaves of absence.
 - Executive Director Zuniga then reviewed the process for reviewing officer applications that require further review. He stated the most common reason an officer's application for recertification requires further review is the Chief's failure to attest to an officer's good moral character.
- b. Administrative Update
- Executive Director Zuniga welcomed two new Commission staff members, LaRonica Lightfoot, Deputy General Counsel, and Ally Trahan, Finance and Budget Manager.
 - Commissioner Ellison asked how many of the conditionally recertified officers require the Commission's immediate attention. Executive Director Zuniga clarified that only a subset of conditionally recertified officers require the Commission's attention, and reviewed the differences between officers who are conditionally recertified and those whose conditional recertifications are based on technical exceptions.
 - Commissioner Bluestone raised concerns about conditionally recertified and non-certified officers, and asked Executive Director Zuniga to speak about those officer who did not achieve recertification. Executive Director Zuniga clarified that the recertification regulations speak to the circumstances in which an officer does not achieve recertification, and the applicable review and appeal procedures. Chair Hinkle suggested the topic could be effectively addressed at a later time.
4. FY23 Budget – CFAO Rebello-Pradas
- Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Rebello-Pradas reviewed the Commission's FY22 expenditures to date and expected FY23 budget and expenditures. He noted the largest expected expenditures cover payroll and technology, but also noted expected expenditures are subject to change.
 - Mr. Rebello-Pradas said the Commission would begin working on its FY23 budget in October 2022. He stated he expected the Commission's expenditures would continue to grow as the Commission grows.
 - Commissioner Luma asked when the Commission could expect its budget to be approved. Mr. Rebello-Pradas reviewed the process for approving the Commission's budgeting, starting with approval from Administration and Finance.
 - Commissioner West moved to approve the proposed FY23 budget. Commissioner Chéry seconded the motion. Commissioners Calderone, Chéry, Ellison, Kazarosian, Luma, West, Wynn and Chair Hinkle voted to approve the proposed FY23 budget. Commissioner Bluestone voted against approving the proposed FY23 budget.

5. Proposed POST Policy on Dissemination of Information Concerning Law Enforcement Officers – General Counsel Ravitz
 - General Counsel Ravitz explained his presentation today was not meant to inform a vote, but was meant to frame the issues surrounding the development of guidelines regarding the dissemination of information on law enforcement officers – an issue which the Commission has begun to see more and more, and which raises various complexities and challenges.
 - General Counsel Ravitz reviewed statutory provisions prohibiting and at times penalizing disclosure of certain information, and the policy and practical considerations underlying those provisions. He also reviewed the 2020 legislature’s preferences and its balancing approach relative to law enforcement records.
 - General Counsel Ravitz then presented potential guidelines the Commission could adopt regarding the dissemination of information on law enforcement officers.
 - Executive Director Zuniga noted that General Counsel Ravitz would likely return to the Commission with a proposed policy for approval in the future.
6. Matters not anticipated by the Chair at the time of posting
 - There was no new business.
7. Adjourn
 - a. Commissioner Kazarosian moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioners Luma and Chéry seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.