

MASSACHUSETTS PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION
Certification Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2024
8:30 a.m.
By Zoom

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- Proposed Minutes from October 1, 2024 Subcommittee Meeting

In Attendance (Remotely)

- Commissioner Lawrence Calderone, Subcommittee Chair
- Commissioner Hanya H. Bluestone
- Commissioner Marsha V. Kazarosian
- **Call to Order**
 - At 8:36 a.m., Chair Calderone called the meeting to order.
- **Approval of October 1, 2024 Minutes**
 - Chair Calderone stated that he would like to move to accept the minutes of the Subcommittee meeting of October 1, 2024.
 - Commissioner Kazarosian stated that she had a change to the minutes. She asked that the term “survey” be changed to the term “questionnaire” in the following excerpt: “Executive Director Zuniga then stated that there was another thing to be discussed regarding a survey to conduct research on the psychological and physical health resources that are currently available to officers.”
 - Chair Calderone stated that he understood the change and asked whether Commissioner Bluestone did as well.
 - Commissioner Bluestone stated that she agreed with the change, but she requested that additional details be added to her comment regarding the wellness initiative.
 - She explained that she did not believe the initiative should fall under training due to the historic distrust of administration by officers. She pointed out that there is no evidence linking mental health training and education to improved behavioral outcomes.
 - Additionally, she noted that it is not a standard of care within the law enforcement field to treat training as a substitute for a wellness program for officers.
 - Commissioner Kazarosian stated that she agreed with the change.
 - Chair Calderone asked for a motion to approve the October 1, 2024, minutes with the suggested changes.
 - Commissioner Kazarosian so moved.
 - Commissioner Bluestone seconded the motion.
 - The Commissioners voted as follows:
 - Commissioner Bluestone – Yes
 - Commissioner Kazarosian – Yes
 - Chair Calderone – Yes
- **Delegation of Approval of December 1, 2024 Minutes**
 - Chair Calderone asked for a motion to delegate the approval of the minutes of the Subcommittee meeting of December 19, 2024 to the Chair.
 - Commissioner Kazarosian so moved.
 - Commissioner Bluestone seconded the motion.

- The Commissioners voted as follows:
 - Commissioner Bluestone – Yes
 - Commissioner Kazarosian – Yes
 - Chair Calderone – Yes
- **Matters Not Anticipated by the Chair at the Time of Posting the Meeting Notice**
 - The Chair indicated that there were no matters that were not anticipated at the time of posting the meeting notice.
- **Adjournment**
 - The Chair adjourned the meeting.