

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF)
MICHAEL VILLANUEVA)
(MPTC ID 9999-9335))
)

Case No. 2025-038

FINAL ORDER ON SUSPENSION


On July 3, 2025, the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (“Commission”) immediately suspended Officer Michael Villanueva’s certification as a law enforcement officer, in light of evidence that the officer engaged or may have engaged in criminal conduct. See M.G.L. c. 6E, § 9(a). On February 19, 2026, the Commission convened for an adjudicatory hearing on the Officer’s request for the full Commission to lift the suspension of his certification. Despite being properly notified in writing of the date, time, and place for the hearing, neither the Officer nor his attorney of record appeared. The Commission issued an order stating that the Officer failed to appear and therefore his “suspension shall remain in effect until the Commission issues a final decision disposing of all disciplinary matters....” See M.G.L. c. 6E, § 9(a)(5); 555 CMR 1.08(4).

On March 10, 2026, the Officer again requested a hearing before the full Commission but did not provide any information explaining why he failed to appear at the previously scheduled hearing. The Division opposed the Officer’s request for another hearing. The Commission issued an order on March 20, 2026, giving the Officer ten calendar days to show good cause why he previously failed to appear and the Commission should schedule another hearing date. See 801 CMR 1.01(7)(g)2. In that order, the Commission informed the Officer that failure to respond could result in the denial of his request for a hearing on the suspension.

The Officer did not respond. Thus, his March 10, 2026, request to come before the full Commission on his suspension is **DENIED**. Accordingly, the Officer’s suspension shall remain in effect until the Commission issues a final decision disposing of all disciplinary matters, and the Executive Director shall keep the Officer’s name published on the list of suspended officers.

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 14 and M.G.L. c. 6E, § 10(f), the Officer may commence an appeal to the Superior Court within thirty (30) days to the extent allowed by law. After initiating proceedings for judicial review in Superior Court, the Officer, or the Officer’s attorney, is required to serve a copy of the summons and complaint upon the Boston office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, with a copy to the Commission, in the time and manner prescribed by Mass. R. Civ. P. 4(d).

By vote of the Commission on April 16, 2026.



Hon. Margaret R. Hinkle (Ret.), Chair

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