

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

IN THE MATTER OF
JOSEPH FRANKLIN

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Case No. 2026-045
(MPTC ID 9354-4105)

ORDER ON SUSPENSION

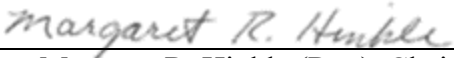
On July 23, 2026, the Executive Director, pursuant to a delegation of authority by the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (“Commission”), and on its behalf, immediately imposed the suspension of Officer Joseph Franklin’s law enforcement certification. See M.G.L. c. 6E, § 9. The suspension of the Officer’s certification as a law enforcement officer shall be **lifted**.

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6E, § 9(a)(5), “[a] suspension order of the commission issued pursuant to [Section 9(a)] shall continue in effect until issuance of the final decision of the commission or until revoked by the commission.” See also 555 CMR 1.08(4). The Commission has received and reviewed papers related to the Officer’s suspension of certification at the executive session on August 20, 2026. Based on this, and other evidence presented to the Commission, the Commission voted to issue a final decision closing this matter without further action, which terminated the Officer’s suspension. Accordingly, the Executive Director shall not publish the Officer’s name on the list of suspended officers.

This concludes all disciplinary matters before the Commission. See M.G.L. c. 6E, § 9(a)(5); 555 CMR 1.08(4).

This Order does not affect any restrictions or conditions on the Officer’s certification that have been or may be imposed by the Commission’s Division of Police Certification. See, e.g., M.G.L. c. 6E, §§ 3(a), 4(f)(4); 555 CMR 7.04, 7.09, 9.09, 9.12.

By vote of the Commission on August 20, 2026.



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

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