

Commission Meeting Number 346

State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety
Division of Criminal Justice

POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

June 1, 2022

Monmouth County Police Academy
2500 Kozloski Rd., Freehold, NJ 07728

Commission Members Present

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Attendee(s)/Representative(s)</u>
Office of the Attorney General, State of New Jersey	John F. Cunningham
New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association	Kevin Lyons
New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police	James Abbott
New Jersey State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police	James Sharrock
County Prosecutors' Association of New Jersey	Angelo Onofri
Sheriffs' Association of New Jersey	Robert A. Nolan
Police Academy Director's Association	Daniel Colucci
Commissioner-Department of Education	James Scaringelli
Commissioner-Department of Corrections	Aaron Erven
Federal Bureau of Investigation	Elisabete Santos
New Jersey Juvenile Detention Association	Jorge Sandoval
New Jersey State Parole Board	James Dickinson
National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives	Absent
Citizen Member—Governor's Appointment	James Polos
Citizen Member—Governor's Appointment	Vacant

New Jersey League of Municipalities

Samuel DeMaio

New Jersey Jail Wardens Association

Oscar Aviles

New Jersey State Police

Captain Tierney

Division of Criminal Justice Staff Present

Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Barile, Deputy Chief, Prosecution Supervision and Training Bureau

Deputy Attorney General Sarah Luciano, Deputy Chief, Prosecution Supervision and Training Bureau

Deputy Attorney General Emily Anderson, Prosecution Supervision and Training Bureau

Academy Coordinator Debbie Freeman, Police Training Commission

Academy Coordinator Forest Kairos, Police Training Commission

Analyst, Tykeria T. Lockhart, Police Training Commission

Academy Coordinator Unit Supervisor, Kathleen McSorley, Police Training Commission

Chief Investigator, James Byrd, Police Training Commission

Field Representative, Kimberly Arroyo, Police Training Commission

Curriculum Unit Supervisor, Tyeka Knight, Police Training Commission

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Administrator John F. Cunningham called the 346th meeting of the Commission to order at 11:10 am.

Administrator Cunningham led the Commissioners in the flag salute. Commissioner Cunningham asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the Law Enforcement and military personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Analyst Tykeria T. Lockhart announced that “notice of the Commission meeting has been publicized in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law by notification to the Secretary of State and five newspapers. The notifications included a copy of the meeting agenda.”

Administrator Cunningham asked the Commissioners to consider the minutes of the April 6, 2022 Commission meeting. Commissioner Sharrock made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Colucci. The Commissioners voted to approve the motion.

Administrator Cunningham read correspondence stating that Director Karl Thomas of the Juvenile Justice Commission Training Academy will be retiring and will be replaced by the new interim director, Lt. Edward Castanza.

Administrator Cunningham also announced the retirement of Commissioner Aaron Erven and thanked him for his service and presented him with an award. His replacement will be Dave Scott who is the NJ DOC Assistant Commissioner.

Administrator Cunningham asked Chairperson Kevin Lyons to report on the business of the Appeals and Legislation Committee.

Administrator Cunningham announced that Commissioner Kevin Lyons was selected as the new chairman of the Appeals and Legislative Committee after the passing of former Commissioner, Carl Carabelli.

1. Commissioner Lyons reported the following appeal was received since the April 6, 2022 meeting:

Annabelle Rodriguez v. Middlesex County Department of Corrections
This recruit was dismissed for a PT failure.

Jeremy Gutierrez v. Hudson Public Safety Academy

This recruit was dismissed for an academic failure.

Commissioner Lyons reported that these appeals were submitted with no basis in fact or law and a letter was sent a letter advising an appeal can be resubmitted within 30 days.

2. Commissioner Lyons reported that **Agenda Item 3A** was pertaining to **Senate Bill S764**

This bill requires Police Training Commission to contract with crisis intervention training center to provide mental health training to police officers and establish curriculum specific to persons experiencing economic crisis or substance use disorder.

Administrator Cunningham reported that an amended bill had already been proposed which states, "PTC will come up with an overview for all officers."

Administrator also gave the following bill numbers for licensing for informational purposes: A4194 and S2742. Commissioner Lyons thanked the Attorney General's office on behalf of the PBA for a "workable bill".

3. Consideration of **Extensions of Training Time** for Juvenile Detention Officers, Youth Workers and County Correctional Police Officers

4A Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Three County Correctional Police Officers (Salem County Correctional Facility)

4B Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Two County Correctional Police Officers (Somerset County Sheriff's Office)

4C Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Seven Juvenile Detention Officers (Essex County Juvenile Detention Center)

4D Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Youth Worker, Charles L. Burnette III (Atlantic Youth Center Harborfields)

On behalf of the Appeals and Legislative Committee, Commissioner Lyons moved and seconded a motion to combine Agenda Items 4A-4D as a consent agenda and approve the extension requests. The Commissioners voted to approve the motion.

Commissioner Carabelli concluded the Appeals and Legislation Committee Report

Administrator Cunningham asked Commissioner Sharrock to report on the business of the Standards Committee.

1. Commissioner Sharrock indicated that **Agenda Item 5A** was Basic Course for Juvenile Correctional Police Officers Curriculum *Update: ICAT; ABLE; New Parole System; Juvenile Classification*

Commissioner Sharrock, on behalf of the Standards Committee, moved and seconded motion to approve the updates. The Commissioners approved the motion.

Commissioner Sharrock concluded the Standards Committee report

Administrator Cunningham reported that **Agenda Item 8A** was a Report of the Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund (LEOTEF).

Commissioner Colucci reported that quarterly expense reports for the 3rd quarter (1/1/22 – 3/31/22) are being reviewed and processed. Technical assistance in preparing quarterly expense reports has been provided. Supplemental academy requests for LEOTEF purchases also have been reviewed and approved.

Two (2) police academies have received their contracts for SFY 2022 LEOTEF Funds (33rd distribution) and all others are in-process. There is currently no information available on the amount of funding that will be available to academies for the 34th LEOTEF distribution.

Administrator Cunningham reported that **Agenda Item 10A** was **Good and Welfare**

Commissioner Sharrock brought up the issue concerning the operational aspects at Essex County Police Academy. Sharrock stated that Director Perillo previously stated that he would look into the bathroom and parking situation. The Commissioners collectively agreed that a letter would be sent to Essex County Executives in regards to no action being taken on overcrowding, bathrooms and parking. Chief Byrd and Supervising Investigator Janowiak from PTC were both present to give additional insight and answer questions regarding occupancy numbers at this academy.

DAG Sarah Luciano advised that the PTC Pre-Academy PT Standard Rule should be published within the next week or so. There will be a sixty day comment period after the rule is published and after the rule is adopted it will be published again.

Administrator Cunningham announced the next meeting is Wednesday, August 3, 2022

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Administrator Cunningham asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm. Commissioner Sharrock voted to approve the motion. Commissioner Nolan seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.