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**Personalized Handgun Authorization Commission
Public Session Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 9, 2023**

The June 9, 2023 meeting of the New Jersey State Personalized Handgun Authorization Commission (PHAC, or “the Commission”) was conducted electronically via Zoom. Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice was provided at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting. Notice was filed with the Secretary of State, faxed to approved news publications including the Star Ledger, the Times of Trenton, the Bergen Record, the Courier Post, and the Press of Atlantic City, and also posted at the Hughes Justice Complex. The meeting began at 11:02 and was accessible to the public by dial-in information provided on the Commission’s public agenda.

1. Open Public Meetings Act Notice – read by Mr. Ershow

2. Roll Call

- Commission Members Present: Nico Bocour, Jennifer Chuang, Jeremy Ershow, Nashon Hornsby (at 11:24), Robert Nixon
- Commission Members Not Present: Lt. Col. Joseph Brennan, Timmy Oh
- Department of Law & Public Safety Staff Present: Assistant Attorney General Chris Arnold; Deputies Attorney General Tobey Palan, Chandini Jha, and Dan Roman

3. Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2023

The Commission discussed draft minutes for the meeting of May 12, 2023. Mr. Nixon moved to adopt the draft minutes with one non-substantive edit. Dr. Chuang seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Firearm Design (Rob Nixon)

Mr. Nixon provided an overview of firearm design and components, and discussed firearm design and ammunition with other members of the Commission.



5. Performance Standards and Qualifying Criteria

The Commission discussed its obligations to establish performance standards and qualifying criteria, per N.J. Stat. Ann. C.2C:58-2.8(c). Mr. Ershow expressed a goal of aligning on performance standards and qualifying criteria during the current meeting, and voting on performance standards and qualifying criteria at the June 23, 2023 meeting.

The Commission discussed a draft of possible performance standards and qualifying criteria that Mr. Ershow circulated prior to the meeting. The draft included three performance standards prescribed by statute; two additional performance standards; and several additional qualifying criteria.

Mr. Nixon expressed concern that one of Mr. Ershow's proposals, to require that applicants to the personalized handgun roster have certain product availability or production capacity, could impede potential applicants with otherwise qualifying products. The Commission discussed this at length in view of N.J. Stat. Ann. C. 2C:58-2.10, which states, among other things, that "[w]ithin 60 days of the first personalized handgun being included on the roster . . . each licensed firearms retail dealer shall make available for purchase at least one personalized handgun approved by the commission and listed on the roster as eligible for sale." After discussion, all Commissioners present agreed to not impose on applicants a qualifying criterion relating to product availability or inventory. However, PHAC would consider product availability and 2C:58-2.10 in its future work.

Dr. Chuang, Mr. Ershow, and Mr. Hornsby proposed wordsmithing edits, to which other Commissioners did not object. Otherwise, no member of the Commission present objected to any of Mr. Ershow's proposed performance standards or qualifying criteria, nor did any member of the Commission present propose any additional performance standards or qualifying criteria.

6. Testing Requirements for Mandatory Standards

The Commission will discuss this topic at a future meeting.

7. PHAC Website

Mr. Ershow reported progress on PHAC's website. When the website is live, the Commission will be able to post meeting agendas and minutes in a more accessible manner.

Mr. Ershow expressed a goal that, by the June 23 meeting, the Commission would review drafts of and vote to approve meeting minutes for the Commission's meetings prior to May 2023. Only Commissioners who were present at each meeting will be part of the vote for each.

8. Public Comments

No members of the public attended or otherwise provided comment.

9. Adjournment and Discussion of Next Meetings

The next meeting will be called for June 23, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. On a motion by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Hornsby and Dr. Chuang, the Commission adjourned at 12:40 pm.