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**Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards**  
**Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**October 19, 2011**  
**Lansing, Michigan**

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**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. John Buczek, representing the Fraternal Order of Police  
Sheriff James Bosscher, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association  
Chief Doreen Olko, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police  
Lt. Col. Dan Atkinson, representing Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, Michigan State Police  
Mr. Richard Weiler, representing the Police Officers Labor Council  
Comm. Dwayne Love, representing Chief Ralph Godbee, Jr., Detroit Police Department  
Mr. Thomas Cameron, representing Attorney General Bill Schuette  
Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association  
Mr. Michael Wendling, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan  
Chief Richard Mattice, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police  
Mr. James DeVries, representing the Police Officers Association of Michigan  
D/Sgt. Chris Luty, representing the Michigan State Police Troopers Association  
Sheriff Robert Pickell, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association  
Mr. Fred Timpner, representing Michigan Association of Police

**COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Mr. Martin Bandemer, representing the Detroit Police Officers Association  
Professor Ron Bretz, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan  
Director Kurt Jones, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. David Harvey, MCOLES Executive Director  
Ms. Hermina Kramp, MCOLES Deputy Executive Director  
Mr. John Szczubelek, Assistant Attorney General and Commission Counsel  
Mr. John Steele, MCOLES Staff  
Mr. Danny Rosa, MCOLES Staff  
Mr. David Lee, MCOLES Staff  
Mr. Patrick Hutting, MCOLES Staff  
Ms. Gina Rosendall-Saucedo, MCOLES Staff  
Ms. Diane Horwath, MCOLES Staff  
Ms. Donna Park, MCOLES Staff  
Mr. Wayne Carlson, MCOLES Staff  
Ms. Rhonda Miller, MCOLES Staff  
Ms. Jacquelyn Beeson, MCOLES Staff

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## **GUESTS (signing in)**

Mr. Tim Bolles, Michigan State Police  
Capt. Kari Kusmierz, Michigan State Police  
Ms. Kathy Cole, MI-COPS  
Mr. Jim Candless and Mrs. Kathy Candless  
Chief Teresa Stevens-Lock, Mott Community College DPS  
Mr. Scott Jenkins, Vice-President, Mott Community College  
Sgt. Dunell Chaney, Mott Community College DPS  
Sgt. Dennis Rariden, Mott Community College DPS  
Sgt. John Meka, DNR-LED  
Mr. Tim Jungel, Michigan Sheriffs Association  
Sgt. Brian Ellis, Lansing Police Department  
Mr. Robert Stevenson, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Bosscher at 10:35 a.m. on October 19, 2011 at the MCOLES Offices, Lansing, Michigan.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Bosscher introduced himself and asked the Commission members, MCOLES staff and audience members to do the same. He welcomed all in attendance.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2011 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

A **MOTION** was made by Sheriff Wriggelsworth and supported by Mr. Wendling to approve the September 9, 2011 Commission meeting minutes as written.

A **VOTE** was taken. The **MOTION** carried.

## **ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Chairman Bosscher advised that he would be appointing a Nominating Committee and that he would make the appointments later in the meeting.

Chairman Bosscher also stated that Commission Resolution 2011-12 honoring Officer McCandless would be moved on the agenda to follow Public Comment to accommodate the family.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commission Resolution 2011-12 - Chairman Bosscher introduced the parents of fallen Officer McCandless from the Rapid City Police Department; Jim and Kathy McCandless. Accompanying them were Terry Jungel from the Michigan Sheriff's Association and Kathy Cole from MI-COPS.

Mr. David Lee of MCOLES was previously employed as a police officer for Rapid City Police Department. Mr. Lee read into record Commission Resolution 2011-12 honoring fallen officer James Ryan McCandless. He also added condolences on behalf of the Commission.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Timpner and supported by Commissioner Mattice to adopt Commission Resolution 2011-12 honoring fallen officer James Ryan McCandless.

A **VOTE** was taken. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Law Enforcement Officer Population Report – Chairman Bosscher stated the LEO Population Report was sent to the Commission prior to the meeting. He pointed out that since we started tracking in 2002, the number of law enforcement positions is down 3,187.

Special Use Requests – Chairman Bosscher advised that the Special Use Request activity report was provided as part of the electronic distribution of Commission materials. There were no questions and no discussion.

Grant Adjustment Requests - Chairman Bosscher turned the meeting over to Deputy Executive Director Kramp. She advised the Commission that a change was made to the Grant Adjustment Report after it was sent out electronically. Eastern Michigan University's (EMU) grant adjustment request was denied. Ms. Kramp advised that EMU had asked retroactively for grant adjustments and had made significant changes to the grant that was



originally approved. For these reasons the grant adjustment was denied and a meeting was scheduled with EMU to discuss the issues.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Department Standards Committee - Mr. Harvey advised that an ad-hoc committee to the CLEAR Committee had been established. Mr. Harvey said he is involved in a support capacity to Commissioner Buczek who chairs the committee. He stated the committee is considering whether there is a need to establish minimum standards for law enforcement agencies. If established, the standards would be advisory. Mr. Harvey added the committee is in a very preliminary stage at this time.

City of Frankfort Appeal on JMT MOE - The Chief from the Frankfort Police Department submitted a letter requesting the maintenance of effort (MOE) for his department be lowered. Due to budget cuts and other financial woes, Frankfort P.D. has not been able to meet the \$1,700 MOE required for his department to receive LED funds. He is requesting the MOE be reduced to \$800.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wriggelsworth and supported by Commissioner Cameron to honor the request made by Frankfort Police Department to lower their maintenance of effort to \$800.

A **VOTE** was taken. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

Proposed 2012 Meeting Schedule – Mr. Harvey stated the list of proposed dates for the 2012 Commission meetings was sent electronically to the Commissioners. He added that the regular October meeting date was being moved to November due to the October date being problematic with fiscal year end. The Executive Committee's recommendation was to hold one meeting up north and confer with the Commission to determine if they felt two meetings outside of Lansing were necessary. The consensus of the Commission was to proceed with the proposed dates and have Mr. Harvey locate a venue in the U.P. or upper lower Michigan to facilitate the June, 2012 meeting. All remaining meetings would take place in Lansing.

IADLEST Meeting - Mr. Harvey provided details from the IADLEST meeting that he attended in Baltimore, MD. He advised IADLEST was interested in establishing standards for campus safety officers on a national scale. He stated that they wanted MCOLES and similar organizations to administer certification. Mr. Harvey advised that he did not feel that MCOLES and similar organizations were the appropriate mechanism for licensing the officers. The committee agreed and said they were still going to recommend national certification for university public safety officers.

Training Directors Meeting – John Steele provided information regarding the Training Directors Meeting which was held on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Lansing. Mr. Steele advised the following topics were addressed:

- Statute Changes
- Ethics Changes
- MJTF Changes
- Academy recruit screening compliant with the ADA

Academy Graduations – The Commission was advised that the upcoming academy graduation schedule was supplied in their portfolios. Mr. Harvey stated he would be attending all of the graduations with the exception of Delta College. He encouraged the Commissioners to also attend the graduations if possible.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Executive Committee - Commissioner Bosscher advised that the Executive Committee discussed the same items that are on the agenda for the Commission meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS-continued**

Mott Community College Academy Proposal - Chairman Bosscher advised there were four members of the audience representing Mott Community College. Mott Community College is proposing to transfer the Flint Police Academy to Mott Community College. They emphasized that this was not an additional academy just a transfer. Mott College representatives stated they had support from the community and could offer more to the candidates in the program. Mr. Harvey spoke and stated if Mott Community College puts as much time and effort into their police academy as they do their police department, it will be a great academy. He recommended transfer of the Flint Police Academy to Mott Community College.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Timpner and supported by Commissioner Wriggelsworth to approve of Mott Community College beginning the process of transferring the Flint Academy to Mott Community College and developing an operational proposal.

A **VOTE** was taken. The **MOTION** carried.

MJTF Competitive Grant Approval Review – David Lee addressed the Commission and advised there were 39 grant requests this year. He stated there was 51% more in requests than there were funds available. He advised that approximately \$954,000 had to be cut. The grant applications were reviewed by the Career Development Section and their comments are



in the Program Analysis section. The Licensing and Administrative Services section completed the fiscal review.

Mr. Lee provided the rationale for the cuts. There were six grants that received 0-funding. If there were multiple applications from an agency, the lowest priority grant was cut. Some of the cuts were due to an all or nothing proposal by the agency. Other items taken into consideration were the Commission's priorities, past reporting delinquencies of the agency, and de-obligations. Commissioner Olko stated that she approved of including delinquencies and de-obligations when considering the grants and feels it is important that the Commission continues to use these as tools when considering grant funding cuts.

Chairman Bosscher stated that the Commission will be voting on the grants at the December 7, 2011 Commission meeting.

Nominating Committee - Chairman Bosscher advised that he was going to appoint a Nominating Committee. The Chair and the Vice-Chair for the Commission make a two year commitment and both he and Vice-Chair Olko have given their two years. He appointed the following Commissioners to the committee:

1. Commissioner Buczek
2. Commissioner Mattice
3. Commissioner Jones

The Nominating Committee will provide their recommendations at the December meeting.

Commission Resolution 2011-11 – Chairman Bosscher read into record Commission Resolution 2011-11 honoring fallen trooper Jeffrey James Werda of the Michigan State Police and extending Public Safety Officer Benefits.

A **MOTION** was made by Lt. Col. Atkinson and supported by Commissioner Luty to adopt Commission Resolution 2011-11 honoring Trooper Jeffrey James Werda.

A **VOTE** was taken. The **MOTION** carried.

Lt. Col. Atkinson continued honoring Trooper Werda with a few words about him. He stated that Trooper Werda was a hard-working, dedicated Trooper. He was courageous and gave his life trying to help fellow officers. Lt. Col. Atkinson concluded by adding that Trooper Werda was very active in the community and that it was evident by the tremendous outpouring of support at his funeral.

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Commissioner Olko took the opportunity to introduce a member of the audience. Robert Stevenson was in attendance and he is the new Executive Director for the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Olko congratulated him on behalf of the Commission.

### **OLD BUSINTESS:**

There was no old business.


**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, December 7, 2011  
MCOLES Offices, Lansing, Michigan

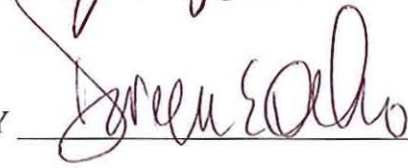
### **ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Buczek and supported by Commissioner Weiler to adjourn the meeting.

A **VOTE** was taken. The **MOTION** passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM.

APPROVED BY  ON 12-7-2011

WITNESSED BY  ON 12/7/2011





**MCOLES**  
Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards

***Commission Resolution 2011-11  
A Resolution to Honor fallen Police Officer Jeffrey James Werda  
and Extend Public Safety Officer Benefits***

***WHEREAS***, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards is the duly appointed body of state government providing for the training and licensure of Michigan law enforcement officers; and,

***WHEREAS Trooper Jeffrey J. Werda*** graduated from the Flint Police Regional Training Academy in 1996 and began his career serving four years as a licensed police officer in the State of Michigan with the Richfield Township Police Department; and,

***WHEREAS Trooper Jeffrey J. Werda*** continued his police training and graduated from the 119<sup>th</sup> Recruit School of the Michigan State Police in 2001 and continued his career as a licensed police officer in the State of Michigan serving eleven years with the Michigan State Police assigned to the Gladwin Post, Detroit Post, and Bridgeport Post; and

***WHEREAS Trooper Jeffrey J. Werda*** was a dedicated public servant who performed his duties in a manner that has distinguished the entire law enforcement profession and earned him an Award for Professional Excellence in 2005; and,

***WHEREAS Trooper Jeffrey J. Werda*** demonstrated commitment and care in the exercise of his duties and was an eager protector of the public and his fellow officers; and,

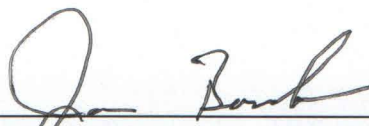
***WHEREAS Trooper Jeffrey J. Werda*** was fatally injured in a car accident on April 6, 2011 while responding to assist fellow officers involved in a police pursuit; and,

***WHEREAS*** the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, on behalf of all Michigan law enforcement officers, expresses profound sympathy to the family, fellow officers, friends, and loved ones of ***Trooper Jeffrey J. Werda***.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the members of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards pay their highest tribute to the service and sacrifice of ***Trooper Jeffrey J. Werda***;

***AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that all entitled benefits provided through the Public Safety Officer Benefits Act shall be extended to the survivors of ***Trooper Jeffrey J. Werda***.

Unanimously adopted by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards on October 19, 2011.

  
James Bosscher, Chair





**MCOLES**  
Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards

***Commission Resolution 2011-12***

***A Resolution to Honor fallen Police Officer James Ryan McCandless***

***WHEREAS***, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards is the duly appointed body of state government providing for the training and licensure of Michigan law enforcement officers; and,

***WHEREAS Officer J. Ryan McCandless*** graduated from Ferris State University in Michigan in 2005 and began his career as a licensed police officer in the State of South Dakota with the Rapid City Police Department; and,

***WHEREAS Officer J. Ryan McCandless*** served six years with the Rapid City Police Department and was selected as Rookie of the Year for 2005 and also served as a Field Training Officer, and as a member of the Special Response Team and the Street Crimes Unit; and,

***WHEREAS Officer J. Ryan McCandless*** was a dedicated public servant who performed his duties in a manner that has distinguished the entire law enforcement profession and in 2009 earned him a Letter of Commendation for lending First Aid; and,

***WHEREAS Officer J. Ryan McCandless*** demonstrated commitment and care in the exercise of his duties and was an eager protector of the public and his fellow officers and was posthumously honored receiving a Medal of Honor, a Purple Heart Medal, a Life Saving Medal; and,

***WHEREAS Officer J. Ryan McCandless*** was fatally wounded by an assailant on August 2, 2011 while conducting a subject stop with fellow officers; and,

***WHEREAS*** the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, on behalf of all Michigan law enforcement officers, expresses profound sympathy to the family, fellow officers, friends, and loved ones of ***Officer J. Ryan McCandless***.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the members of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards pay their highest tribute to the service and sacrifice of ***Officer J. Ryan McCandless***;

Unanimously adopted by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards on October 19, 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Bosscher", is written over a horizontal line.

James Bosscher, Chair