
Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards
Commission Minutes
February 19, 2014
Lansing, Michigan

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Doreen Olko, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
Mr. Thomas Cameron, representing Attorney General Bill Schuette
Sheriff James Bosscher, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association
Chief Donald Mawer, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
Mr. Michael Wendling, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan
Mr. Ken Grabowski, representing the Police Officers Association of Michigan
Captain Greg Zarotney, representing Michigan State Police
Mr. John Buczek, representing the Fraternal Order of Police
Sheriff Leo Mioduszewski, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association
Mr. Fred Timpner, representing the Michigan Association of Police
Professor Ron Bretz, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan
Sheriff Jerry Clayton, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association
Director John Calabrese, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
Mr. Richard Weiler, representing the Police Officers Labor Council

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED

D/Sgt. Chris Luty, representing the Michigan State Police Troopers Association

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. David Harvey, MCOLES Executive Director
Mr. John Szczubelek, Assistant Attorney General and Commission Counsel
Ms. Hermina Kramp, MCOLES Deputy Executive Director
Ms. Jacquelyn Beeson, MCOLES Staff
Mr. John Steele, MCOLES Staff
Ms. Holly Baer, MCOLES Staff
Ms. Gina Rosendall-Saucedo, MCOLES Staff
Mr. Patrick Hutting, MCOLES Staff
Mr. Wayne Carlson, MCOLES Staff
Mr. David Lee, MCOLES Staff
Ms. Sandi Luther, MCOLES Staff
Ms. Diane Horwath, MCOLES Staff
Ms. Joyce Nelson, MCOLES Staff
Mr. Darnell Blackburn, MCOLES Staff
Ms. Deb Thelen, MCOLES Staff

Mr. Lynn Ried, MCOLES Staff
Mr. Michael Logghe, MCOLES Staff
Mr. Danny Rosa, MCOLES Staff

GUESTS (signing in)

Sgt. Chris Hawkins, Michigan State Police
Tpr. Nate Johnson, Michigan State Police Troopers Assoc.
Sgt. John Meka, DNR-Law Enforcement Division

CALL TO ORDER

The Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Thomas Cameron on February 19, 2014 at 1:22 PM. The meeting was held at the MCOLES Office in Lansing, Michigan.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Cameron introduced himself and asked the Commissioners, staff, and audience members to do the same.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2013 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Olko and supported by Commissioner Buczek to approve the December 4, 2013 Commission meeting minutes as written.

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

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or changes to the Agenda.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Law Enforcement Officer Position Report/ Special Use Requests/Grant Adjustments – Chair Cameron advised that all three of these reports were part of the electronic distribution that the Commissioners received. There were no questions.

2014 Committee Assignments – Chair Cameron stated that a list of committee assignments for 2014 could be found in their portfolios. He added that he established an ad hoc committee to address the Commission's underfunding. He would like the Committee to make recommendations to the full commission about possible ways to address the issue. Commissioner Bosscher will chair the Future Funding Architecture Committee and be joined by Colonel Etue and Commissioners Wending, Grabowski and Mawer.

Commission Workshop – Chair Cameron advised that the Commissioners met earlier that day to discuss recommended changes to PA 203 and PA 302. No action was taken at the workshop.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Washington, D.C. – Executive Director Harvey advised the Commission that he was invited to attend a stakeholder engagement in Washington, DC on February 5-6, 2014. The topic of discussion was interoperability when responding to IED or mass shooting incidents. The group consisted of representatives from the emergency medical services, fire, and law enforcement professions including Post Directors and law enforcement educators. He stated it was good for MCOLES to get national exposure.

June Commission Meeting in Marquette – Director Harvey advised that plans were being discussed to hold the June Commission meeting in Marquette. He stated that NMU has been asking for a Commission meeting to be held up north. Commissioner Grabowski objected to taking the meetings on the road. He felt it was a waste of money and stated he thought that the turnout was usually low. Chair Cameron agreed that turnout had been low in the past but still felt that traveling was important. Past-Chair Olko echoed Chair Cameron's opinions. Commissioner Cameron advised the location would be discussed again at the April Commission meeting.

Funding – Director Harvey addressed the Commissioners and advised that the declining funding needs to be addressed. At some point the MJTF will cease to have any funds available. It is imperative that the newly formed ad hoc committee focus on ways to obtain new funding. He said relying on general funds is not really an option because it can be taken away as easily as it is given. He also stated a concern that with the declining funds for the grants, are we in a position now that we cannot provide the grantees enough funds to actually conduct the training. He also stated that the CLEAR committee was given some funding options, however we may not be able to wait that long.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Chair Cameron advised that the Executive Committee met last month up north. He said the group discussed the changes to SB 411 and SB 412. He said they also determined the need for an ad hoc committee to address funding issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

Revocations – Director Harvey advised that the Commission received information electronically regarding the six revocations upon which they would be voting. He stated that all were felony convictions.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Olko and supported by Commissioner Wendling to approve the revocation of licenses for Matthew J. Czarnecki, Luke Davis, Emmanuel Riopelle, William Snider, Geoffrey Townsend and Andrew Voelkner with one vote.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Commission Resolution 2014-01 Honoring Fallen Officer Paul K. Butterfield II – Commissioner Cameron asked Captain Zarotney from MSP and Nate Johnson from the MSTA to join him up front. Chair Cameron read into record Commission Resolution 2014-01 Honoring Fallen Officer Paul K. Butterfield II and Extending Public Safety Officer Benefits.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Calabrese and supported by Commissioner Buczek to approve Commission Resolution 2014-01 Honoring Fallen Officer Paul K. Butterfield II.

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

Commission Resolution 2014-02 Addressing the Redraft of SB 412 – Director David Harvey stated that earlier that day the commissioners met and discussed the redraft of SB 412. Commission Resolution 2014-02 was then written and includes the redraft of SB 412 with the only change being the definition of an “Eligible entity”.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Buczek and supported by Commissioner Mawer to approve Commission Resolution 2014-02 which addresses the redraft of SB 412.

A **ROLL-CALL VOTE** was taken and the following votes were recorded:

Commissioner	Vote
Grabowski	No
Calabrese	Yes
Zarotney*	Yes
Mioduszewski	Yes
Mawer	Yes
Bosscher	Yes
Buczek	Yes
Olko	Yes

Weiler	Yes
Wendling	Yes
Timpner	Yes
Bretz	Yes
Cameron	Yes
Clayton	Yes

*Captain Zarotney had a proxy vote for Colonel Etue

The **MOTION** carried with a 13-1 vote.

Commission Resolution 2014-03 Addressing the Redraft of SB 411 – Director David Harvey stated that earlier that day the commissioners met and discussed the redraft of SB 411. Commission Resolution 2014-03 was then written and includes the redraft of SB 411 with a change that states license revocations would include misdemeanors with a sentence of more than one year and the following misdemeanors: MCL 750.81(3); MCL 750.81a(1); MCL 750.81a(2); MCL 750.411h(2)(a); MCL 333.7403(2)(c); MCL 333.7404(2)(a); MCL 333.7404(2)(b); MCL 333.7404(2)(c); MCL 257.625(9)(b).

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bretz and supported by Commissioner Timpner to approve Commission Resolution 2014-03 which addresses the redraft of SB 411.

A **ROLL-CALL VOTE** was taken and the following votes were recorded:

Commissioner	Vote
Grabowski	No
Calabrese	Yes
Zarotney*	Yes
Mioduszewski	Yes
Mawer	Yes
Boscher	Yes
Buczek	Yes
Olko	Yes
Weiler	Yes
Wendling	Yes
Timpner	Yes
Bretz	Yes
Cameron	Yes
Clayton	Yes

*Captain Zarotney had a proxy vote for Colonel Etue

The **MOTION** carried with a 13-1 vote.

Strategic Plan Update – Deputy Executive Director Kramp advised that each Commissioner had been provided a copy of the Project Update which is based on the recently completed Strategic Report. Each goal is listed and below it is a clear statement of the strategic objective. With each objective there are tasks listed. These tasks are what staff does to work toward the initiatives. The first initiative that staff will address is the grant process. There will be meetings with staff to identify the issues, work through the issues and then report back to the Commission. The goal is to streamline the process and make it more effective. She advised the Commissioners that if they had any suggestions for layouts or ways of reporting to contact her.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sgt. John Meka from the DNR-Law Enforcement Division addressed the Commission regarding the dwindling grant funds. He stated that his division has been successful in being awarded grant funds for training since 2008. He wanted to thank the Commission but also wanted to let them know the importance of the grants for his agency. He stated that the training that has been accomplished because of these funds has resulted in many real world accomplishments.

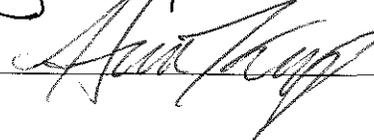
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is: April 16, 2014 at the MCOLES Office, Lansing.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Olko and supported by Commissioner Bretz to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED BY  ON 4/16/14

WITNESSED BY  ON 4-16-14