
Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards
Commission Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2013
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
Professor Ron Bretz, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan
Chief Donald Mawer, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
Mr. Michael Wendling, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan
Director John Calabrese, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
Mr. Ken Grabowski, representing the Police Officers Association of Michigan
Sheriff Jerry Clayton, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association
Lt. Col. Dan Atkinson, representing Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, Michigan State Police
Mr. John Buczek, representing the Fraternal Order of Police
Sheriff Leo Mioduszewski, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED

Mr. Fred Timpner, representing the Michigan Association of Police
Mr. Richard Weiler, representing the Police Officers Labor Council
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
Mr. Danny Rosa, MCOLES Staff
Mr. David Lee, MCOLES Staff
Ms. Joyce Nelson, MCOLES Staff
Ms. Jacquelyn Beeson, MCOLES Staff
Mr. John Steele, MCOLES Staff
Mr. Pat Hutting, MCOLES Staff
Ms. Diane Horwath, MCOLES Staff
Ms. Debra Thelen, MCOLES Staff
Ms. Gina Rosendall-Saucedo, MCOLES Staff
Ms. Rhonda Hooson, MCOLES Staff

Ms. Holly Baer, MCOLES Staff
Ms. Sandra Luther, MCOLES Staff
Mr. Michael Logghe, MCOLES Staff
Mr. Lynn Ried, MCOLES Staff
Mr. Darnell Blackburn, MCOLES Staff

GUESTS (signing in)

Professor Michael Sherzer, Olivet College
Director Andy Lindeman, Mid-Michigan Police Academy
Vice-President Scott Jenkins, Mott Community College
Director Dick Tillman, Oakland Community College
Director Theresa Stephens-Lock, Mott Community College
Lt. Director James Malcolm, Mott Community College/LERTA
Chief Jeff Hadley, Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety
Lt. Creig Grey, DNR – Law Enforcement
Director Carl Seitz, Macomb Community College Police Academy
Ms. Sandy Evans, Macomb Community College
Asst. Chief Dean Molnar, DNR-Law Enforcement
Director Julie Yunker, Grand Valley State University Police Academy
Director Jodi Richhart, Grand Rapids Community College Police Academy
Chief Deputy Greg Harless, Ingham County Sheriff's Office
Director Fred Stanton, Schoolcraft College Regional Police Academy
Director Larry Jackson, Washtenaw Community College Police Academy
Associate Vice-President Elva Revilla, Lansing Community College
President Conway Jeffress, Schoolcraft College
Sandra Evans, Macomb Community College
President Jim Jacobs, Macomb Community College
President Mike Hansen, Michigan Community Colleges Assoc.
Director Charles Craft, Macomb Community College
Director Mike Wiltse, Delta College Department of Public Safety
Ms. Barb Farrah, Oakland Community College
Mr. James Mietling, Macomb Community College

CALL TO ORDER

The Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Doreen Olko at 9:00 AM on April 10, 2013 at the MCOLES Office in Lansing.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Olko introduced herself and asked the Commission members, staff, and audience to do the same.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2013 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Buczek and supported by Commissioner Mawer to approve the February 13, 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 – Chair Olko stated the electronic distribution contained the LEO report for the month of March. The number of law enforcement officers continues to decline. As of March 31 the number of positions reported to MCOLES by law enforcement employers stood at 19,226. This indicates a decline of 3,924 positions since the initial number was reported in 2001.

Special Use Requests – Chair Olko stated that the commission materials contained a report detailing the Special Use Requests. There were no questions and no discussion occurred.

Grant Adjustment Requests – The Commissioners were advised that the Grant Adjustment Requests Activity Report was also part of the electronic distribution of Commission materials. There were no questions.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Graduations – Director Harvey advised that there was a list of upcoming graduations that could be found in the Commissioners' portfolios. He stated there was a need for volunteers to present the Outstanding Recruit Award. Anyone able to attend needed to see Jacque and sign up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Chair Olko advised that the Executive Committee met prior to the Commission meeting. She stated that Commissioner Clayton was being named the Chair of

the Implementation Committee. She explained that this committee helps with policy when it comes time to move new issues into the field.

The only other issue discussed was MCOLES consideration of a renewal of a MOU with the Michigan State Police.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items under the Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

DNR Academy - Executive Director Harvey advised the Commission that the DNR wanted to re-establish an agency academy. He advised that they are at the first step in which they ask for approval to work with the staff and present an application at a later date for the academy. He introduced Chief Hagler from the DNR to make a presentation.

Chief Hagler advised that the DNR wanted to re-establish their agency academy. He provided the following details:

- The academy would be 22 weeks.
- It would exceed the MCOLES standards.
- It would integrate specialized strategies along with the regular academy curriculum.
- The graduate would come out trained to be a Conservation Officer.
- It would save time and money for the graduate since they would not have to obtain more training after completing this academy.
- They have projected they will need to train 25-30 officers each year for the next five years due to attrition.
- They can use a regional academy when training a small number of officers but it is not cost effective when they need to train a large number.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bosscher and supported by Commissioner Clayton to approve the DNR beginning the process to re-establish their agency academy.

A roll-call **VOTE** was taken. The **MOTION** passed with the following votes recorded:

| Commissioner | Vote |
|--------------|------|
| Bretz | Yes |
| Wendling | Yes |
| Mioduszewski | Yes |
| Mawer | Yes |
| Bosscher | Yes |
| Cameron | Yes |
| Buczek | Yes |
| Clayton | Yes |
| Grabowski | Yes |
| Calabrese | Yes |
| Atkinson | Yes |
| Olko | Yes |

Resolution 2013-02 Honoring Fallen Officer Eric E. Zapata – Chair Olko introduced Chief Jeff Hadley of the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety. She then read into record Commission Resolution 2013-02 honoring fallen police officer Eric E. Zapata and extending public safety officer benefits.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wendling and supported by Commissioner Atkinson to approve Commission Resolution 2013-02 Honoring Fallen Officer Eric E. Zapata and Extend Public Safety Officer Benefits.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Yonkers PSOB – Executive Director Harvey advised the Commissioners that the Proposal for Decision in the Yonkers PSOB case and other supporting documents had been electronically distributed to them. Now a vote was needed to approve or deny the Proposal for Decision. There was a discussion among the Commissioners with regard to their options.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Buczek and supported by Commissioner Bosscher to table the vote until the June 12, 2013 Commission meeting.

A roll-call **VOTE** was taken. The **MOTION** passed with the following votes recorded:

| Commissioner | Vote |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Bretz | Yes |
| Wendling | Yes |
| Grabowski | Yes |
| Mawer | Yes |
| Mioduszewski | Yes |
| Bosscher | No |
| Cameron | Yes |
| Buczek | Yes |
| Clayton | No |
| Calabrese | No |
| Olko | No |
| Atkinson | Yes |

Yes Votes = 8

No Votes = 4

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Olko asked if there was any public comment reference to any item not on the Agenda.

Mr. Jim Jacobs, President of Macomb Community College, addressed the Commission. He stated he was speaking in opposition to the MSP Academy and was representing a number of community colleges. He stated that he serves on Governor Snyder's Talent Board and this type of academy goes against what is the new way of doing business in Michigan which includes working collectively, with transparency and based on solid decisions. Mr. Jacobs stated we need to have positive, relenting optimism. Mr. Jacobs went on to say that the current training that law enforcement officers are receiving is great and that the demand for the training is decreasing. The current system is working so there is no need to pull students away. That would be the old thinking and not the new initiative Michigan is working towards. He ended by asking the Commission to reject the MSP Academy proposal.

Mr. Charles Craft from Macomb Community College was the next person to address the Commission. He stated that they enroll about 60 students a year in their academy. With this number of candidates the program operates at a \$17,000.00 deficit each year. If MSP is given permission to start this academy, Macomb will lose approximately 6 candidates which is a 10% loss. The deficit caused by this will possibly cause Macomb to lose their academy because eventually they will be unable to function with this deficit. A large number of their students are local and if Macomb closes there will be no academy close for them to attend.

Mr. Carl Seitz, Director of Macomb Community College Police Academy, was the next person to speak. He spoke to the Commission and stated he felt that the MSP Academy was

an inappropriate use of state funds. He stated that if MSU students are extrapolated Lansing Community College would be unable to sustain their police academy. He also stated that he understands that politics are involved and that the MCOLES staff is MSP employees but he is counting on the Commission to make the right decision and deny MSP's proposal.

The next person to address the Commission was Scott Jenkins, Vice-President of Mott Community College. He stated that when he was transferring the Flint Academy to Mott Community College he did a great deal of research regarding Regional Training Centers. He stated that MCOLES ensured that the Regional Training Centers were placed in strategic geographical locations. Allowing MSP to start an academy would undo what has taken years to accomplish and may have an effect on many of the educational institutes in Michigan.

Mr. Fred Stanton, Director of Schoolcraft College/Wayne County Regional Police Academy stated he echoed everything that had already been stated. He however wanted to add comments regarding supply and demand. His academy is only at 60% of capacity and enrollment continues to drop. With 40% of the seats unoccupied is there really a need for another academy?

Fred Jeffress, President of Schoolcraft College, also addressed the Commission. He said that if MSP wanted to start a new academy they must demonstrate a clear and present need for the academy. With vacant seats at the current academies, they have not shown the need. He is requesting that the Commission use only the facts to make their decision and deny MSP's proposal.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

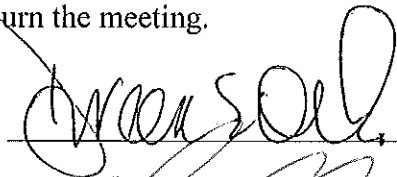
NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting: **Wednesday, June 12, 2013**
Lansing, Michigan

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Grabowski and supported by Commissioner Calabrese to adjourn the meeting.

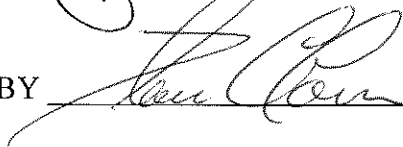
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6/12/2013

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MCOLES
Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards

***Commission Resolution 2013-02
A Resolution to Honor Fallen Police Officer Eric E. Zapata
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 Officer Eric E. Zapata served as a licensed police officer in the State of Michigan for a period of ten years with the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety; and,

WHEREAS Officer Eric E. Zapata was a well-trained officer especially in the area of martial arts and he spent countless hours researching and teaching his co-workers; and,

WHEREAS Officer Eric E. Zapata was a decorated public servant who was dedicated to preserving public safety and performing his duties in an exemplary manner; and,

WHEREAS Officer Eric E. Zapata received numerous letters of recognition from his supervisors, letters from the community and three written commendations; and,

WHEREAS Officer Eric E. Zapata was fatally wounded by an assailant's bullet while investigating a report of shots fired on April 18, 2011; 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 Eric E. Zapata***.

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 Eric E. Zapata***;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all eligible benefits provided through the Public Safety Officer Benefits Act shall be extended to the survivors of ***Officer Eric E. Zapata***.

Unanimously adopted by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards on April 10, 2013.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Doreen E. Olko", is written over a horizontal line.

Doreen E. Olko, Chair