
Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards
Commission Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2014
Marquette, Michigan

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Doreen Olko, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
Sheriff James Bosscher, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association
Chief Donald Mawer, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
Lt. Col. Richard Arnold, representing Michigan State Police
Mr. John Buczek, representing the Fraternal Order of Police
Sheriff Leo Mioduszewski, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association
Professor Ron Bretz, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan
Director John Calabrese, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ms. Laura Moody, representing Attorney General Bill Schuette
Mr. Michael Wendling, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan
Mr. Ken Grabowski, representing the Police Officers Association of Michigan
Mr. Fred Timpner, representing the Michigan Association of Police
Mr. Richard Weiler, representing the Police Officers Labor Council
Sheriff Jerry Clayton, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association
Sgt. Christopher Luty, representing the Michigan State Trooper's 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
Mr. Patrick Hutting, MCOLES Staff
Ms. Rhonda Hooson, MCOLES Staff

GUESTS (signing in)

Chief Gary Zyburt, Chocolay Township Police Department

Sheriff Scott Strait, Mackinac County Sheriff's Office
Lt. Michael Laurila, Marquette Police Department
Chief Dan Willey, Ishpeming Police Department
Mr. Matt Wiese, Marquette County Prosecutor's Office
Ms. Darlene Kyto, Northern Michigan University
Director Mike Bath, Northern Michigan University
Capt. Jamie Segorski, Escanaba Department of Public Safety
Undersheriff Tom Courchaine, Iron County Sheriff's Office

CALL TO ORDER

The Commission meeting was called to order by Immediate Past-Chair Doreen Olko on June 18, 2014 at 11:30 AM. The meeting was held at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan.

Commissioner Olko introduced Dr. David Haynes, President of Northern Michigan University who welcomed everyone to their campus. He stated that Northern Michigan University's Police Academy works closely with MCOLES. He advised that their academy includes 800 hours of training which is well over what is mandated. He stated they have trained over 900 recruits since the early 1980's. President Haynes also said they use over 80 instructors at the academy and train many military veterans. He thanked the Commission for making the trip to the U.P. to hold our meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS

Immediate Past-Chair Olko introduced herself and asked the Commissioners, staff, and audience members to do the same.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE APRIL 16, 2014 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Buczek and supported by Commissioner Mioduszewski to approve the April 16, 2014 Commission Meeting Minutes as written.

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

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda:

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commission By-Laws Revision – Commissioner Olko advised that a revision had been made to the by-laws to add Michigan State Police to the Executive Committee. This addition facilitates communication since MSP is the principle state agency for administrative purposes. The Colonel accepted the appointment.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bosscher and supported by Commissioner Mawer to approve the addition of Michigan State Police to the Executive Committee.

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

There was no discussion and Lt. Col. Arnold advised he would inform Col. Etue of the appointment and change in by-laws.

Law Enforcement Officer Position Report – Immediate Past-Chair Olko advised this report was part of the electronic distribution that the Commissioners received. There was an incline in the number of Law Enforcement Officers and in the number of Law Enforcement Officer Positions. There were no questions.

Special Use Requests – Immediate Past-Chair Olko stated there was a correction to a previous SUR report. SUR #5891 was a request for Detroit Police Department to attend training and was approved in the amount of \$9,798.05. An adjustment was made due to a change in lodging and the withdrawal of one of the officers who could not attend the training. The amended SUR was submitted and it changed the total request to \$10,021.69.

The new Special Use Requests report was included in the electronic distribution. There were no questions or comments.

Grant Adjustments – Immediate Past-Chair Olko advised this report was included in the Commission documents. Again there were no questions or comments.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Audit Finding – Every two years the Office of the Auditor General is responsible for auditing the Michigan Justice Training Fund. During the 2012-2013 audit the OAG discovered that there was an unobligated balance of approximately 1 million dollars in the fund as reported by Treasury, in excess of the MCOLES' cash accounting. Executive Director Harvey explained that research into the issue revealed that this unobligated balance has existed as far back as MCOLES has records. The consensus of the OAG, the principle agency and the MCOLES is that this unobligated balance existed at the time of the transfer from DMB to MCOLES. Executive Director Harvey advised that his staff does an awesome job and MCOLES accepts responsibility

and is moving forward. He stated that the unobligated amount would be added to the upcoming grant cycle.

Update on SB 411 and SB 412 – Executive Director Harvey advised that at a previous meeting Senator Schuitmaker stated that she would get the Bills addressed before the summer break. She did get the Bills through, however they did not make the agenda. They will be taken up when the House and Senate reconvene.

HB 5608 – This bill concerns providing healthcare for the Public Safety Officer Benefit. The bill has moved out of Committee and is moving through the Legislature. It appears that MCOLES will only be responsible for doing the PSOB investigation.

Commissioner Appointments – Director Harvey advised that we currently have four Commissioners whose appointments have expired. He stated that he has been in contact with the Governor's Appointment Office and has been told that the appointments will not be made until after the election. Director Harvey said that the issue becomes even more problematic because in November we have five more Commissioners whose appointments will expire. He stated he knows the agencies have done what was required on their part and encourages the five Commissioners whose terms expire in November to submit the paperwork also.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Nominating Committee – Commissioner Olko advised that Tom Cameron, the chair, had been appointed to a judgeship causing him to resign his position as Chair of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. The nominating Committee was appointed at a previous meeting and consists of Commissioner Bosscher, Commissioner Olko and Colonel Etue.

Commissioner Bosscher advised that the Committee met on May 30 at Colonel Etue's office. The Committee nominations were Commissioner Clayton as Chair and Commissioner Calabrese as Vice-Chair.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bosscher and supported by Commissioner Mioduszewski to approve the nomination of Commissioner Clayton as chair and Commissioner Calabrese as Vice-Chair.

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

Commissioner Olko advised that there would be a short break in the meeting and then the new Vice-Chair, Commissioner Calabrese would chair the remainder of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Commission Resolution 2014-05 – A resolution honoring Fallen Firefighter Gerald Wetherell. Commissioner Calabrese read into record Commission Resolution 2014-05 Honoring Fallen Firefighter Gerald Wetherell and Extend Public Safety Officer's Benefit.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Olko and supported by Commissioner Buczek to approve Commission Resolution 2014-05 honoring Fallen Firefighter Gerald Wetherell.

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

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business to discuss.

MISCELLANEOUS

Strategic Plan Update –

Ms. Hermina Kramp advised that in 2013 a 5-year strategic plan was established by the Commission. The plan contains four goals and currently work is being done in several areas.

Goal 1: Increase Outreach

- Director Harvey is attending professional conferences and reaching out to new Chiefs and Sheriffs.
- The field reps are making efforts to go meet the new Chiefs and Sheriffs regarding the MJTF and licensing.
- MCOLES is going to get involved using Facebook and other social media.
- The new annual report is out and all publications are available on the MCOLES web page.
- A handout was completed earlier in the year which details staff's responsibilities.
- Director Harvey is working with CLEAR regarding Agency Best Practices.
- There have been legislative initiatives regarding video recording.
- Staff is working on revisions to the grant process due to shrinking funds.

Goal 4: Promote Excellence in Standards

- Staff is attending in-service and other training
- Needs assessment is being done regarding training
- Staff is attending different academies to see what training is currently being used.

PUBLIC COMMENT


Sheriff Scott Strait from Mackinac County Sheriff's Office thanked MCOLES and commended them on the job they are doing. He says he is glad to see them attending events and grateful for their trip to the U.P.


NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is: September 17, 2014

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM on June 18, 2014.

APPROVED BY  ON 9.18.14

WITNESSED BY  ON 9-18-14