
Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards
Commission Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2014
Lansing, Michigan

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Sheriff Jerry Clayton, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association
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
Mr. Michael Wendling, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan
Mr. Ken Grabowski, representing the Police Officers Association of Michigan
Sargent Amy Dehner, 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
Mr. Richard Weiler, representing the Police Officers Labor Council

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED

D/Sgt. Chris Luty, representing the Michigan State Police Troopers Association
Position Vacant, representing Attorney General Bill Schuette
Professor Ron Bretz, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan
Director John Calabrese, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police

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
Mr. Wayne Carlson, MCOLES Staff
Mr. David Lee, MCOLES Staff
Ms. Diane Horwath, MCOLES Staff
Mr. Danny Rosa, MCOLES Staff

GUESTS (signing in)

Sheriff Gary Rosema, Ottawa County Sheriff's Office/CLEAR
Chief David Molloy, Novi Police Department/CLEAR
Chief Tim Bourgeois, Kalamazoo Township Police Department/CLEAR

CALL TO ORDER

The Commission meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Jerry Clayton on February 19, 2014 at 10:35 PM. The meeting was held at the MCOLES Office in Lansing, Michigan.

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-Chair Clayton introduced himself and asked the Commissioners, staff, and audience members to do the same.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2014 COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES AND COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Buczek and supported by Commissioner Wendling to approve the February 19, 2014 Commission Workshop Minutes and the February 19, 2014 Commission Meeting Minutes as written.

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

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were two additions to the agenda:

1. Two proposals for decision
2. Nominating Committee Assignments for Vacant Chair Position

CHAIR'S REPORT

Law Enforcement Officer Position Report – Vice-Chair Clayton advised this report was part of the electronic distribution that the Commissioners received. Again there was a decline in the number of Law Enforcement Officers and in the number of Law Enforcement Officer Positions. There were no questions.

Special Use Requests – Vice-Chair Clayton stated there was a correction to a previous SUR report. SUR #5876 was a request for Detroit Police Department to attend Helicopter School in Ohio and was approved for \$9,191.44. An adjustment was made to include lodging and meals. The amended SUR was submitted and it changed the total request to \$11,239.12.

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

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

Nominating Committee – Vice-Chair Clayton advised that he was going to name Commissioners to the Nominating Committee. Their task was to bring nominations for the recently vacated Chair position to the June 18th meeting. Chair Cameron was no longer with the Attorney General's Office and therefore had to vacate his Commission seat. Vice-Chair Clayton advised that Commissioner Bosscher would Chair the committee and Colonel Etue and Commissioner Olko would also be assigned.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Update on SB 411 and SB 412 – Executive Director Harvey advised that the two bills were sent back to Senator Schuitmaker. He said that per the Senator there were some budget bills that needed to be cleared up and once that was complete, she would forward our amended bills. The Senator also stated that the bills should be addressed before the Senate's summer break.

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 not gotten any information on when the appointments would be made. Colonel Etue has also been assisting in trying to get the new Commissioners named. Director Harvey said 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 that he will continue to push for the appointments.

June Commission Meeting – Executive Director Harvey reminded the Commission that at the previous meeting they discussed holding the June Commission meeting in Marquette. He stated that contact was made with MDOT and it was determined that it would be less expensive to fly the Commissioners to Marquette than to have them drive. He left it up to the Commissioners to decide where they wanted to hold the meeting. After a show of hands it was determined if the meeting was to take place in Marquette, a quorum would be met and there would be enough people to fill the plane. Jacques was to contact MDOT and complete the reservation for the plane for June 18th. The time of the meeting would be determined at a later date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - There were no Committee reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Mawer and supported by Commissioner Bosscher to approve the revocation of licenses for Kevin J. Haan and Dave W. Malesh.

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

NEW BUSINESS

CLEAR Proposal – Executive Director Harvey advised that he had been working with CLEAR on Agency Best Practices. MCOLES staff developed a proposal which was approved by CLEAR and today the Commission was going to vote on whether they were in support of the proposal and would allow staff to take the project to the next phase. The next phase would be a pilot program to test CLEAR's measuring instrument for agency compliance.

Director Harvey advised that in the audience were three members from the CLEAR Committee: Sheriff Gary Rosema, Chief David Molloy, and Chief Tim Bourgeois. Sheriff Rosema addressed the group. He stated that two years ago the Governor established the CLEAR Committee. The committee looked at many different areas however, it became obvious that even though there were many standards for police officers, there were no standards for an individual agency. The committee agreed that standards needed to be put in place and the question was how to move forward. Sheriff Rosema said that there were many discussions. The end result was a preliminary report from MCOLES that the Commissioners were provided. Per Sheriff Rosema the standards are advisory, the agencies should find them easily achievable and it will be voluntary compliance.

Sheriff Rosema took questions from the Commissioners. The consensus of concern was the funding that would go along with the Agency Best Practices. Sheriff Rosema agreed that funding is critical. However, he stated that while Governor Snyder is in office, law enforcement is a priority. He emphasized that we can't dwell on the past and what hasn't been done, but move forward and look into what we can do. He said that CLEAR and MCOLES will have to work together. He stated that the opportunity is here and we need to determine what our best option is for funding and present it to the Governor. He stated they are looking seriously at one particular option but said that he is not in a position to comment on it. He concluded by saying the funding may come late in 2014 or early 2015.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bosscher and supported by Commissioner Mioduszewski to accept CLEAR's Agency Best Practices proposal and allow MCOLES staff to move forward.

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

Commission Resolution 2014-04 – Support of the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument – Commission counsel John Szczubelek addressed the Commission. He said he was appointed by the Governor to sit on the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument Committee. He stated that they have retained the services of a professional fundraiser in an attempt to get the needed funds to build the memorial. He is using letters of support to assist in the fundraising. He would like the Commission to approve the resolution and show their support of the memorial.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Buczek and supported by Commissioner Wendling to approve Commission Resolution 2014-04 – Support of the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument.

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

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business to discuss.

MISCELLANEOUS

Deputy Executive Director Hermina Kramp addressed the Commission. She stated she wanted to give an update on the Strategic Plan. She stated the first project they are working on is the Michigan Justice Training Fund and its programs. She reiterated the issue that there is less money available and a need for more training. She stated that there have been several meetings with staff input and brainstorming. They have come up with some long term goals and in addition some short term goals. These ideas have not been taken into the field yet, however, she would be presenting some ideas at the Training Director's meeting next week. The timeline for any changes would be to provide the Implementation Committee with a plan in June, bring it before the full commission in the fall and complete the initiative by January, 2015.

She stated that there is no means for increasing the money so the plan is to determine how to best use the money and obtain the most training.

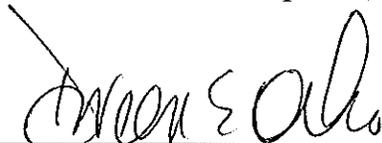
PUBLIC COMMENT - There was no public comment.

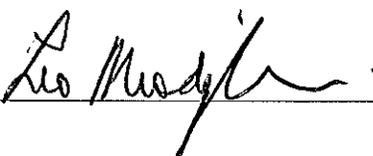
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is: June 18, 2014 in Marquette, MI.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM on April 16, 2014.

APPROVED BY  ON 6/18/14

WITNESSED BY  ON 6/18/14