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POST Board Meeting Agenda

Friday, June 2nd, 2023

Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board Meeting 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Department of Law 1300 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203

1. **Welcome** Attorney General Phil Weiser

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** Attorney General Phil Weiser

3. **Introduction of New Board** Attorney General Phil Weiser **Members**

a. Chief David Krouse, City of Fruita

4. **Departing Board Members** Attorney General Phil Weiser

a. Sheriff Steve Nowlin, Montezuma County

b. Councilmember Wayne Williams, City of Colorado Springs

5. **Departing SME Members** Attorney General Phil Weiser

a. Officer Jason Petrucelli, Firearms SME, 2016-2023

b. Officer Timothy Railsback, Curriculum SME, 2018-2023

c. Officer Tracey Thompson, Driving SME, 2017-2023

6. Introduction of new POST Attorney General Phil Weiser Deputy Director

7. Introduction of Board Members, SME Members, Staff and Guests

8. **Roll Call** Director Erik Bourgerie

9.	Approval of Work Session Minutes From March 9 th 2023		Attorney General Phil Weiser
10.	Approval of POST Board Minutes From March 10 th 2023		Attorney General Phil Weiser
11.	Subject Matter Expert Committee Reports		
	a.	Arrest Control	Sergeant Ike Beers Chair
		Arrest Control Program Updat (See supplemental material)	e
	b.	Curriculum	Janet Larson Chair
	c.	Driving	Commander Karl Smalley Chair
	d.	Firearms Chair	Undersheriff Paul Gregory
		Handgun Instructor Program (See supplemental material)	
12.	Request for Appeal - Rule 8 Variance: Eric Martinez (See supplemental materials)		Director Erik Bourgerie
13.	Request for Appeal – Hearing Finding: John Maedel (See supplemental materials)		Director Erik Bourgerie
14.	Request for Appeal – Hearing Finding: Christopher Mec (See supplemental materials)		Director Erik Bourgerie
15.	Request for Appeal – Hearing Finding: Jeffrey Scott Sch (See supplemental materials)		Director Erik Bourgerie
16.	Peace Officer Certification Revocation Actions (See supplemental materials)		Director Erik Bourgerie

POST Rule 9 - Revocation of Peace Officer Certifications: Pursuant to § 24-31-305(2)(a), C.R.S., a Colorado peace officer certification issued pursuant to subsection (1) or (1.3) of this section or 24-31-308 shall be suspended or revoked by the POST Board if the certificate holder has been convicted of a felony at any time, or has been convicted on or after July 1, 2001, of any misdemeanor described in subsection (1.5) of § 24-31-305, C.R.S. A Colorado peace officer certification may also be suspended or revoked if pursuant to § 24-31-305(2.5), C.R.S., a law enforcement agency has found, by clear and convincing evidence, that the certificate holder has knowingly made an untruthful statement concerning a material fact while testifying under oath, or during an internal affairs investigation or comparable administrative investigation; or knowingly omitted a material fact on an official criminal justice record, or has otherwise failed to meet the certification requirements established by the Board. A Colorado peace officer certification may also be surrendered pursuant to § 24-31-305. For purposes of this Rule 9, a deferred judgment and sentencing agreement, deferred prosecution agreement, or pretrial diversion agreement concerning a felony or any misdemeanor described in (1.5) of § 24-31-305, whether pending or successfully completed, also support the suspension or revocation of a Colorado peace office certification.

Felony Convictions:

1. F22-10, Cameron River Braveheart, Certification PID CO-136899. On July 11, 2022, the responded was sentenced after being found guilty at jury trial, for one count of § 18-5-902(1)(b) C.R.S. ID Theft — Possession with intent to Use, a Felony, and one count of § 18-8-404 C.R.S., Official Misconduct 1, a Misdemeanor, in case number 2021CR94 in the Montrose County Court. The respondent was employed as a peace officer at the time of the offense (Dates of Offense: November 30, 2020-December 2, 2020, Montrose County Sheriff's Office, Separation March 18, 2021). The responded has complied with POST Show Cause Order No. F22-10 by appearing on October 6, 2022. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Cameron River Braveheart's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-136899.

Misdemeanor Convictions:

1. M22-05, **Christopher Mecca**, Certification PID CO-135953. On January 31, 2022, Respondent was sentenced after being found guilty following a jury trial to one count of §18-3-204(1)(a) C.R.S. Assault 3-know/reckless Cause Injury, a Misdemeanor, and one count of §18-8-404 C.R.S. First Degree Official Misconduct, a Misdemeanor, in Case No. 2020M1575 in the Boulder County Court. The respondent was employed as a peace officer at the time of the offence (Date of Offense: September 23, 2020, Boulder County Sheriff's Office, Separation October 9, 2020). The respondent has complied with POST

- Show Cause Order No. M22-05 by appearing on December 14, 2022. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Christopher Mecca's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-135953.
- 2. M22-13, **Wayne Nelson**, Certification PID CO-121060. On October 28, 2022, Respondent was granted a deferred sentence for three counts of § 18-3-404(1)(a) C.R.S., Sexual Contact No Consent, a Misdemeanor, in Case No. 2021CR1403 in the Jefferson District Court. The respondent was not employed as a peace officer at the time of the offense. The respondent has complied with POST Show Cause Order No. M22-13 by appearing on February 22, 2023. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Wayne Nelson's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-121060.
- 3. M22-15, **John Maedel**, Certification PID CO-139836. On November 23, 2022, Respondent was granted a deferred sentence for one count of § 18-9-111(1)(c) C.R.S. Harassment follow person in public place, a Misdemeanor, in Case No. 2022CR622 in the Weld County District Court. The respondent was employed as a peace officer at the time of the offence (Dates of Offence: July 1, 2021 April 8, 2022, Weld County Sheriff's Office, Separation April 27, 2022). The respondent has complied with POST Show Cause Order No. M22-15 by appearing on January 25, 2023. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of John Maedel's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-139836.

The certificate holders in the following matters did <u>not</u> appear at the show cause hearing or indicate any intent to oppose the revocation. Unless any member objects and asks to consider one or all of these matters separately, they will all be presented to this Board as a group.

Misdemeanor Convictions:

- 1. No. M23-02, **Blake David Burtard**, Certification PID CO-134038. On January 12, 2023, Respondent was granted a deferred sentence after pleading guilty to one count of § 18-3-204(1)(a) C.R.S., Assault 3 know/reckless cause injury, a Misdemeanor, in Case No. 2022M2326 in the Mesa County Court. *Respondent was not employed at the time of the offense*. The respondent has not complied with POST Show Cause Order No. M23-02 by failing to appear at the scheduled Show Cause Hearing on March 27, 2023. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Blake David Burtard's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-134038.
- 2. No. M23-03, **Jeffrey Scott Schnedler**, Certification PID CO-4126-9072. On January 25, 2023, Respondent was granted a deferred sentence after pleading guilty to one count of § 18-3-204(1)(a) Assault 3 know/reckless

- cause injury C.R.S., a Misdemeanor, in Case No. 2022CR98 in the Huerfano County Court. The respondent was employed as a peace officer on the date of the offense (Date of Offense: August 18, 2022, Huerfano County Court, Huerfano County Sheriff's Office, Separated November 30, 2022). The respondent has not complied with POST Show Cause Order No. M23-03 by failing to appear at the scheduled Show Cause Hearing on March 27, 2023. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Jeffrey Scott Schnedler's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-4126-9072.
- 3. No. M23-04, Valeri Nicole Pedraza, Certification PID CO-3337-1642. On January 19, 2023, Respondent was granted a deferred sentence after pleading guilty to one count of § 18-3-204(1)(a) C.R.S., Assault 3 know/reckless cause injury, a Misdemeanor, in Case No. 2022M5082 in the Larimer County Court. The respondent was employed as a peace officer on the date of the offense (Date of Offense: May 29, 2022, Larimer County Court, Fort Collins Police Department, Separated November 9, 2022). The respondent has not complied with POST Show Cause Order No. M23-04 by failing to appear at the scheduled Show Cause Hearing on March 27, 2023. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Valeri Nicole Pedraza's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-3337-1642.

<u>Untruthfulness</u>:

- 1. No. U23-03, **Shannon D. Everhart**, Certification (PID CO-139607). On February 13, 2023, Woodland Park Police Department notified Colorado Peace Officer Standards & Training that the Respondent knowingly made an untruthful statement concerning a material fact or omitted a material fact on an official criminal justice record and while testifying under oath on several dates in 2022 (Date of Separation: December 2, 2022). The respondent did not request a Show Cause Hearing regarding this matter. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Shannon D. Everhart's Colorado Peace Officer Certification (PID CO-139607).
- 2. No. U23-05, **Kimberly E. Lovato**, Certification (PID CO-121700). On April 4, 2023, Denver Police Department notified Colorado Peace Officer Standards & Training that the Respondent knowingly made an untruthful statement concerning a material fact or omitted a material fact during an internal affairs investigation on April 18, 2022 (Date of Separation: February 17, 2023). The respondent did not request a Show Cause Hearing regarding this matter. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Kimberly E. Lovato's Colorado Peace Officer Certification (PID CO-121700).

(See supplemental materials)

18. **Revised Grant Guidelines** (See supplemental materials)

Grants Mgr. Kim Hernandez

19. **Grant Awards** (See supplemental materials)

Grants Mgr. Kim Hernandez

20. **Curriculum Developer** (See supplemental materials)

Director Erik Bourgerie

21. **EDMUS Update** (See supplemental materials)

Director Erik Bourgerie

- 22. Comments From Others on POST Issues
- 23. Executive Session

Attorney General Phil Weiser Board Counsel Tara Buchalter

Legal Advice on Potential Pattern and Practice Referral

24. Adjournment

Attorney General Phil Weiser

Upcoming Meetings

POST Board Work Session: Thursday, September 7th, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

POST Board Meeting: Friday, September 8th, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Glenwood Springs