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> POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie

# **POST Board Meeting Agenda**

Friday, December 3, 2021

Via Zoom

Webinar ID: 892 0715 8262

Public Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89207158262

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SME Committee Meetings: 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board Meeting: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

1. **Welcome** Attorney General Phil Weiser

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

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

Don Addy, Public Member Laura Daniels, Public Member Sharletta Evans, Public Member Scott Levin, Public Member

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

5. **Roll Call** Director Erik Bourgerie

6. Approval of Work Session Minutes Attorney General Phil Weiser From September 23, 2021 and POST Board Minutes From September 24, 2021

### 7. Subject Matter Expert Committee Reports

a. Arrest Control Sergeant Ike Beers Chair

b. Curriculum Janet Larson
Chair

- Curriculum Update Recommendations (See supplemental materials)
- Instructional Methodology Update Recommendation (See supplemental materials)

c. Driving Commander Karl Smalley

Chair

d. Firearms Commander Paul Gregory

Chair

8. Request for Appeal – Variance Denial: Josh Wood Director Erik Bourgerie

(See supplemental materials)

9. Request for Reconsideration - Variance Denial:

Director Erik Bourgerie

Damien Esparza

(See supplemental materials)

(See supplemental materials)

10. Peace Officer Certification Revocation Actions

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.

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.

### Felony Convictions:

- 1. No. F21-06, Joshua Robert Katz, Certification PID CO-7690-2934. On August 12, 2021, Respondent was sentenced after pleading guilty to one count of §18-3-203(1)(I), Assault 2 Strangulation, a Class 4 Felony, in Case No. 21CR179 in the District Court of Morgan County. The respondent was employed as a peace officer on the date of the offense (Date of Offense: May 15, 2021, Log Lane Village Police Department, Separated June 21, 2021). The respondent has not complied with POST Show Cause Order No. F21-06 by failing to appear at the scheduled Show Cause Hearing on October 13, 2021. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Joshua Robert Katz's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-7690-2934.
- 2. No. F21-07, Jeremy John Ashton, Certification PID CO-116869. On August 11, 2021, Respondent was sentenced after pleading guilty to one count of 18-3-206(1)(a)/(b), Felony Menacing Real / Simulated Weapon, a Class 5 Felony, in Case No. 21CR803 in the District Court of Adams County. The respondent was employed as a peace officer on the date of the offense (Date of Offense: March 19, 2021, Seventeenth Judicial District, Separated April 14, 2021). The respondent has not complied with POST Show Cause Order No. F21-07 by failing to appear at the scheduled Show Cause Hearing on October 13, 2021. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Jeremy John Ashton's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-116869.

#### Misdemeanor Convictions:

1. No. M21-07, Paul Andrew Saunders, Certification PID CO-7910-7977. On March 10, 2021, Respondent was granted a deferred sentence after pleading guilty to one count of §18-3-204(1)(a), Third Degree Assault - Knowingly/Recklessly Causing Injury, a Misdemeanor, in Case No. 19M3305 in the County Court of Weld County. The respondent was employed as a peace officer on the date of the offense (Date of Offense: October 18, 2019, Weld County Sheriff's Office, Separated October 22, 2019). The respondent has not complied with POST Show Cause Order No. M21-07 by failing to appear at the scheduled Show Cause Hearing on August 17, 2021. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Paul Andrew Saunders' Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-7910-7977.

#### Untruthfulness:

- 1. No. U20-20, Benjamin Sadler, Certification (PID CO-7247-6367). On December 3, 2020, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office 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 on June 18, 2020 (Date of Separation: October 20, 2020). The respondent did not request a Show Cause Hearing regarding this matter. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Benjamin Sadler's Colorado Peace Officer Certification (PID CO-7247-6367).
- 2. No. U21-12, Victor Simental, Certification (PID CO-1421-2284). On June 6, 2021, Auraria Campus 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 administrative investigation and/or disciplinary process on March 22, 2021 and May 5, 2021 (Date of Separation: June 18, 2021). The respondent did not request a Show Cause Hearing regarding this matter. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Victor Simental's Colorado Peace Officer Certification (PID CO-1421-2284).
- 3. No. U21-13, Brandon R. Barry, Certification (PID 133834). On August 3, 2021, Mesa County Sheriff's Office 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 March 22, 2021 (Date of Separation: May 28, 2021). The respondent did not request a Show Cause Hearing regarding this matter. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Brandon R. Barry's Colorado Peace Officer Certification (PID 133834).
- 4. No. U21-14, Brian S. Therrien, Certification (PID 119151). On September 1, 2021, Crowley County Sheriff's Office 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 administrative investigation or disciplinary process on March 14, 2021 (Date of Separation: July 16, 2021). The respondent did not request a Show Cause Hearing regarding this matter. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Brian S. Therrien's Colorado Peace Officer Certification (PID 119151).
- 5. No. U21-17, Samuel B. Berkeland, Certification (PID CO-5824-1968). On September 13, 2021, Fountain 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 during an internal affairs investigation on June 23, 2021 (Date of Separation: September 1, 2021). The respondent did not request a Show Cause Hearing regarding this matter. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie

recommends revocation of Samuel B. Berkeland's Colorado Peace Officer Certification (PID CO-5824-1968).

Excessive Use of Force & Failure to Intervene:

1. No. E21-01, Nicholas A. Hanning, Certification (PID 135239). On July 8, 2021, Idaho Springs Police Department notified Colorado Peace Officer Standards & Training that the Respondent was found in an internal affairs investigation to have used unlawful physical force on May 30, 2021. On October 20, 2021, Mr. Hanning voluntarily relinquished his Colorado Peace Officer Certification.

# 12. Voluntary Relinquishment of Certification: Nicholas Hanning

Director Erik Bourgerie

(See supplemental materials)

13. **Rulemaking** (See supplemental materials)

Director Erik Bourgerie Board Counsel Colleen Morey

14. SME Member Policy Update (See supplemental materials)

Compliance Mgr. Cathy Rodriguez

15. Project Updates

Director Erik Bourgerie

- a. ICAT
- b. Job Task Analysis
- c. Academy Redesign Advisory Committee
- d. EDMUS
- e. ABLE

16. Grant Plaque Samples

Grants Mgr. Kim Hernandez

17. Legislative Session Update

Attorney General Phil Weiser

18. **Academy Fee Proposal** (See supplemental materials)

Director Erik Bourgerie

19. Academy Review Subcommittee Update

Sheriff Tony Spurlock

- 20. Comments From Others on POST Issues
- 21. Questions on Board Manual Summary (See supplemental materials)

Compliance Mgr. Cathy Rodriguez

22. **Questions on Annual Board Ethics Training** Board Counsel Colleen Morey (See supplemental materials)

### 23. Executive Session

Attorney General Phil Weiser

(Legal Questions on Board Rule Summary)
(Legal Questions on Annual Board Ethics Training)
(Pending Pattern and Practice Investigation)
(Legal Advice and Discussion on Statutory Authority Related to Use of Safety Patrol Officers)

### 24. Adjournment

Attorney General Phil Weiser

## Next POST Work Session

Friday, March 10, 2022 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Next POST Board Meeting**

Friday, March 11, 2022

SME Meetings – 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. POST Board Meeting – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.