



**NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT
STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: Thursday, September 21, 2023

TIME: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy
4491 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, NM 87507



Meeting Minutes

Not official minutes and are subject to approval by the public body.

I. ORIENTATION AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING

The first portion of the meeting was a joint training for members of both the Law Enforcement Standards and Training Council and the Law Enforcement Certification Board. The training is only informational, and no action items or votes took place during the training portion. The training portion was conducted by Deputy Attorney General Joseph Dworak and Interim NMLEA Director Benjamin Baker. The following topics were covered:

- A. Introductions
- B. Overview of the Law Enforcement Standards and Training Council and the Law Enforcement Certification Board
 - 1) Predecessor Law Enforcement Academy Board, House Bill 68 & Senate Bill 19, Updated Law Enforcement Training Act, Powers and Duties, Membership and Structure, Temporary Application of LEAB Rules, Relationship with the Department of Public Safety and the Law Enforcement Academy, Membership and Structure
- C. Legal Primer
 - 1) Certification and Discipline – Due Process, Rulemaking – State Rules Act, Open Meetings Act, Inspection of Public Records Act, Governmental Conduct Act

II. COUNCIL CALL TO ORDER & AGENDA APPROVAL

Deputy Attorney General Joseph Dworak called the meeting to order at 10:54 pm.

LECB Misconduct Staff Manager Laura Escarcida conducted roll call, confirming the in-person attendance of members Mr. Benjamin Baker, Lt. Jacob Garcia, Lt. Joseph Viers, Director Ray Fritts, Cpt. Samuel Ramos, Sgt. Jonathan Jensen, Director Walter Coburn, Director Gilbert Najjar, Mr. Mark Swanson, Mr. Guadalupe Tarango, Ms. Nicole Brown, Cpt. Richard Mathews, Sheriff Dennis Garcia, Chief Mizel Garcia, Chief Adrian Armijo, Ms. Sara Millspaugh, Ms. Teresa Beaty and the virtual attendance of Mr. Kevin Bruno. Absent were members Lt. Santiago Roybal, Director Joshua Savage, and District Attorney Sam Bregman.

Approval of Agenda – Member Guadalupe Tarango made a motion to approve the September 21, 2023, Council agenda, seconded by Mark Swanson. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

III. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- A. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Deputy Attorney General Joseph Dworak provided explanation related to Chair and Vice-Chair positions and duties. No motion made and no action taken.

B. OMA Resolution & Calendar

Discussion as to statutory requirements and discussion of Council' counsel drafting proposed resolution for consideration at next Council meeting. No motion made and no action taken.

IV. REPORTS

A. Staff Reports

1) Job Task Analysis

NMLEA Interim Director Benjamin Baker presented an explanation as to the NMLEA Job Task Analysis and RFP process. No motion made and no action taken.

2) Upcoming Needs of Council - No motion made, and no action taken.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for public comment received and no public comments made.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements made.

A. Next Meeting

No motion made. A poll will be generated and sent to NMLESTC members containing options to identify a date and location for the Council's next meeting.

B. Member Announcements

Discussion related to meeting locations moving forward, ability to attend virtually, future duties related to rule changes, potential hiring of contractor to assist with substantive rule writing while Council focuses on content of rules, and continuation of NMLEAB rules until repealed and replaced as provided for in state laws.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Nicole Brown made a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Teresa Beaty. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously. Council meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am.