



LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 20, 2025

TIME: 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Crime Victims Reparation Commission
6200 Uptown Blvd NE, Suite 210, Albuquerque, NM 87110
Virtual attendance provided via Zoom

Roll call:

- The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm by Vice-Chair Cody R. Rogers. Law Enforcement Certification Board staff member Laura Escarcida conducted a roll call confirming the in-person attendance of members: Thomas Romero (ret.), Joseph Walsh, Cody R. Rogers, and Julie Ball. Members Chief Erin Toadlena-Pablo, Chief Summer Mirabal, Dawn Myers, Sheriff Matthew T. Hutchinson and Dr. Bobbie Green attended virtually. Member Carly Huffman was absent. A quorum was established.

Approval of agenda:

- Member Joseph Walsh moved to approve the agenda. Member Thomas Romero (ret.) seconded. Vice-Chair Cody R. Rogers asked members for those in favor and those against, the motion passed with 9 votes in favor and none against.

Approval of the minutes of March 13, 2025, meeting:

- Member Thomas Romero (ret.) moved to approve the minutes from March 13, 2025, regular board meeting. Member Chief Summer Mirabal seconded. Vice-Chair Cody R. Rogers asked members for all those in favor and those against, the motion passed with 9 votes in favor and none against.

Public Comment:

- Vice-Chair Cody R. Rogers called upon audience members and virtual participants who wished to provide public comments. No public comments were made.

Vice Chair Cody R. Rogers requested a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to exceptions provided under NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(1), (H)(2) and (7) under the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Member Julie Ball moved to enter into closed session, Member Joseph Walsh seconded. A roll call vote was held with board members Chief Erin Toadlena-Pablo, Thomas Romero (ret.), Joseph Walsh, Cody R. Rogers, and Julie Ball, Chief Summer Mirabal, Dawn Myers, Sheriff Matthew T. Hutchinson and Dr. Bobbie Green voting in favor. The motion passed with 9 votes in favor and none against.

The Board went into closed session at 1:08 pm. The Board returned to the open session at 2:58 pm. The matters discussed in closed session were limited only to agenda items and were discussed in closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978, 10-15-1(H)(1), (H)(2) and (7) under the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, regarding disciplinary and litigation matters, as well as limited personnel matters. No votes or official action were taken during the closed session. Member Thomas Romero (ret.) left the meeting prior to returning to the open session.

Disciplinary and/or Litigation matters:

I. Hearing Officer Reports

- a. Miguel Rodriguez, Case #22-066 – Taos County Sheriff’s Office
- Member Dr. Bobbie Green abstained from discussion on this matter and was removed from the virtual participation platform while the matter was under discussion. Member Cody R. Rogers made a motion to adopt the recommendations of the hearing officer and deny certification as a police officer. Member Julie Ball seconded. A roll call vote was held with board members Chief Erin Toadlena-Pablo, Joseph Walsh, Cody R. Rogers, and Julie Ball, Chief Summer Mirabal, Dawn Myers, Sheriff Matthew T. Hutchinson, and Dr. Bobbie Green voting in favor. The motion passed with 8 votes in favor and none against.

Performance review of Board staff:

- Member Joseph Walsh moved to terminate Joshua Calder CEO for the Law Enforcement Certification Board on the grounds, including but not limited to, that he has failed to accurately represent to the Board his discussions with the Department of Public Safety regarding hiring, funding, office space, and office equipment; failed to provide timely updates to the Board regarding investigations and findings related to certifications and denials of certifications, demonstrated an inability to work with the Department of Public Safety and other stakeholders in order to secure funds and other items required to effectuate the work of the Board, misrepresenting to the Board the nature, substance, discussions and interactions with Department of Public Safety Cabinet Secretary Jason Bowie, failure to keep the Board apprised of lobbying and other legislative efforts affecting Board operations. Member Joseph Walsh further moved the termination be effective immediately and placed Mr. Calder on paid administrative leave retroactively from March 13, 2025, up until March 20, 2025. Member Dr. Bobbie Green seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held with board members Chief Erin Toadlena-Pablo, Joseph Walsh, Cody R. Rogers, Julie Ball, Chief Summer Mirabal, Dawn Myers, Sheriff Matthew T. Hutchinson and Dr. Bobbie Green voting in favor. The motion passed with 8 votes in favor and none against.

Announcement was made regarding the next Quarterly Meeting scheduled for June 12, 2025, with the location likely to be held at Central New Mexico Community College, pending confirmation from Member Carly Huffman.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 pm.