



NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL



REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Wednesday June 11, 2025

TIME: 9:00 AM

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

AGENDA

I. COUNCIL CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

- NMLEST Council Administrator Jessica Ochoa Arballo conducted roll call, confirming the in-person attendance of members: Lt. Veronica Saenz, Cmdr. Joseph Viers, Sgt. Jonathan Jensen, Guadalupe Tarango, Nicole Brown, Chief Mizel Garcia, Director Dennis Kelly, Sheriff Dennis Garcia, Teresa Beaty, Director Gilbert Najar, Member Richard Mathews, Member Joanna Wells, Chief Greg Concho.
- Members attending virtually: Director Tate McBride, Cpt. Jason Gleason, Member Sara Millspaugh
- Absent members: DA Sam Bregman, Dean Leslie Foust, Lt. Trevor Weeks, Mark Swanson,

B. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Motion by Member Tarango to approve the June 11, 2025 agenda; seconded by Cmdr. Viers. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Member Tarango to approve the December 11, 2024 minutes; seconded by Member Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Welcome from Vice Chair Jonathan Jensen

- A moment of silence was observed in honor of Officer Ontiveros from the Bloomfield Police Department.

II. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ADOPTION

A. Chair and Vice Chair Selection

- Motion by Member Tarango to nominate Sgt. Jonathan Jensen as Chair; seconded by Member Mathews. Motion carried unanimously, confirming Jensen as Chair. Motion by Member Tarango to nominate Director Tate McBride as Vice Chair; seconded by Director Najjar. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority Satellite Academy Update to become a Permanent Training Facility for Telecommunicators

- Update provided on academy progress since 2024 approval. Motion by Member Brown to approve permanent satellite status; seconded by Member Tarango. Motion carried unanimously.

C. New Curriculum Update, timeframe and Cost (Peggy Shaefer from IALEST)

- Schaefer reported completion of a job task analysis involving 274 officers and 258 supervisors across 73 agencies. The analysis reduced 980 tasks to 470 core tasks, forming the foundation of the new curriculum. The first module, Professional Standards, is due July 25, 2025, with pilot implementation planned for January 2028 and full rollout by July 2028. A train-the-trainer program will be developed in late 2027.

D. Subject Matter Expert Working Group: Emphasis was placed on academy directors promptly forwarding curriculum materials to SMEs to ensure timely review and feedback.

E. CNM Legal Instructor Update: Update noted challenges finalizing the contract due to fiscal year timing. Reevaluation planned for September.

F. In-Service Training Legislative Strategy

- Council discussed appointing the Chair and Vice Chair as liaisons to DPS and legislators. Motion by Director McBride to move forward with presenting the repeal proposal to the CCJ Committee; seconded by Member Mathews. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Chair Jensen confirmed addition of the item to the CCJ agenda and stressed the importance of law enforcement leaders attending to show unified support.

G. Rules Rewrite Update

- Vice Chair Jensen reported progress reorganizing Chapter 29 rules with the Certification Board. Draft revisions will be shared with Council members for feedback. Clarified, per legal counsel, that the Council will no longer approve denied Certification by Waiver applications for retirees, as authority rests with NMAC 10.29.6.

H. Legal Counsel Update

- Certification by Waiver Discussion: Council reviewed legal guidance confirming retirees seeking certification by waiver should be evaluated under NMAC 10.29.6, not 10.29.9, to avoid due process violations. This clarification will be addressed in the rules rewrite.
 - Discussion by Board Council on OMA basics and potation further training. (Rolling Quorums, Council Communications etc.):NMDOJ reminded members to avoid rolling quorums by refraining from sequential discussions outside public meetings and recommended replying individually rather than using “reply all” in emails. Legal communications remain confidential under attorney-client privilege.
- I. Presentation of Ratified Certifications by Waiver for Period 9/23’-Present (Exhibit A)
- Motion by Chief Garcia to ratify certifications by waiver (Exhibit A); seconded by Sheriff Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

III. REPORTS

A. Director Reports

- **The Albuquerque Police Department** Three concurrent academy classes; first class of 12 cadets graduating in two weeks; second class halfway (15 cadets); third class just started (37 cadets).
- **Dona Ana County** New academy class planned for August 11; hiring underway.
- **The New Mexico State Police** Graduated five laterals on May 23; Class 105 graduating June 20 (20 cadets); next class August 3 (43 recruits anticipated).
- **The San Juan County Criminal Justice Training Authority** Class 56 graduating 11 cadets Friday; next class begins July 7.
- **The Southeastern New Mexico** Graduated 21 cadets; upcoming CBW and advanced trainings; next basic class fully enrolled with waitlist.
- **Western New Mexico University** 13 cadets graduating June 24; university recovering from cyberattack, full operations expected by fall semester.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

One individual, Sheila Lewis, signed up for public comment.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

- #### A. Next Meeting and scheduled meetings for 2025
- Proposed dates:

- September 10, 2025, location TBD
- December, 2025 location TBD

B. Adjourn

Motion by Member Brown to adjourn at 12:09 p.m.; seconded by Member Tarango.
Motion carried unanimously.

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