



CONNECTICUT POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING



DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Police Officer Standards and Training Council Action Committee Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.
285 Preston Avenue, Meriden, CT, Classroom 4

[ZOOM Link](#)

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order by Chief Melanson at 10:03.

ROLL CALL

ATTENDANCE:

Subcommittee Members Present: Chief Paul Melanson (Avon Police Department), Chief Vernon Riddick (West Hartford Police Department) (via Zoom), Chief Neil Dryfe (Cheshire Police Department) (via Zoom), Chief Jonathan Mulhern (Branford Police Department), First Selectman Michael Freda (Town Administrator North Haven) (via Zoom), Michael Lawlor (Associate Professor - University of New Haven)

Subcommittee Members Not Present: Chairman Chief Keith Mello (Milford Police Department); Chief Scott Sansom (Granby Police Department), Iran Nazario (Peace Center of Connecticut)

Other Attendees: Thomas Wydra, Karen Boisvert, Jessica Gouveia, Jessica Blank, Colin Milne, Lois Pisani

Approval of the Minutes – April 10, 2025 Meeting

Motion to approve meeting minutes of April 10, 2025 was made by Michael Lawlor; seconded by Chief Mulhern and motion passed unanimously; No discussion and no abstentions.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Iacono, Francisco – East Hartford Police Department

Motion to approve stipulated agreement made by Michael Lawlor, seconded by Chief Riddick.

Discussion: In response to a question from Michael Lawlor, Attorney Colin Milne indicated that the Stipulated Agreement included a 45-day suspension and prohibits Mr. Iacono from being a certified officer in Connecticut or any other jurisdiction within the United States. However, Attorney Milne acknowledged that the agreement does not control hiring practices in other states. Professor Lawlor had questions concerning the basis for the agreement due to recent arbitration decisions and issues with the labor board. Chief Melanson explained that there is a basis for the agreement. Chief Riddick questioned the need for a retroactive 45-day suspension in light of the agreement that Mr. Iacono can no longer be a certified officer. Attorney Milne explained that there was sufficient basis to move forward for a full revocation, but that Mr. Iacono didn't agree to full revocation. Attorney Milne felt that a penalty was warranted and appropriate in this scenario, and Mr. Iacono agreed to a 45-day suspension.

Motion to approve stipulate agreement passed unanimously, no abstentions.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Next Action Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

NEW ITEMS

There are no new items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There is no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn is made by Michael Lawlor and seconded by Chief Riddick. The meeting ended at 10:15 a.m.