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**Public Minutes**

**NH Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission Meeting**

**August 13, 2024**

NH Police Standard & Training  
Arthur D. Kehas Law Enforcement Training Facility and Campus  
17 Institute Drive  
Concord, NH 03301  
&  
Microsoft Teams

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** At 1:02 pm Commission Chair Chief King called the meeting to order.

- Commission Chair: Chief Anthony King Stratham Police Department present – in person
- Commission Vice Chair: Chief (Ret.) Ron Ace present – in person
- Commission Secretary: Chief Mark Chase Center Harbor Police Department present – in person
- Commission member: Sheriff Eli Rivera Cheshire County Sheriff’s Office – Absent
- Commission member: Director John Scippa NH Police Standards & Training present – in person
- PST Designee: Captain Adam Hawkins NH Police Standards & Training present – in person
- Commission member: Senator Sharon Carson NH Senate – Absent
- Commission member: Representative Terry Roy present – via zoom
- Commission member: Dr. Jeffrey Czarneck SNHU present – Absent
- Commission member: Chief Anne Perriello present – in person
- Commission member: Attorney General John Formella NHDOJ – Absent
- DOJ Designee: Senior Assistant Attorney General Matthew Broadhead NHDOJ present – in person
  
- Staff Present: Attorney Stacie Moeser PST (Board Counsel) present – via zoom  
Lieutenant Sonya Robicheau PST present - in person  
Rick Stillman Program Manager/Dirigo Safety present – in person  
Keri Wareing Accreditation Specialist/Dirigo Safety present – in person
  
- Public Present: Chief Deputy Caleb Dodson Cheshire County Sheriff’s Office  
Merrimack County Attorney Paul Halvorsen  
Assistant Merrimack County Attorney Steven Endres

**2. Acceptance of Public Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the July 9, 2024, minutes by Chief (Ret.) Ace and seconded by Chief Perriello. A roll call vote was cast, and the motion passed unanimously.



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- 3. Public Comment/Presentation:** Chief King read into the record SB362 which was signed into law. 1. Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission; Report Required; Issues Raised by Copying, Distribution, or Use of Body-Worn Camera Images. The law enforcement accreditation commission (LEAC) shall submit a report to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, the house clerk, and the senate clerk by November 1, 2024, identifying issues raised by the copying, distribution, or use of body-worn camera images, including but not limited to, disclosing sources and methods of investigation, privacy of suspects, law enforcement officers, and civilians; constitutional obligations to release information to defendants under *Brady v. Maryland*; and the right of the public to access such images pursuant to part 1, article 8 of the New Hampshire constitution and RSA 91-A, the New Hampshire right-to-know law.

Immediately following Merrimack County Attorney Paul Halvorsen and Assistant Merrimack County Attorney Steven Endres were welcomed and thanked for appearing at the meeting as they bring an in-depth amount of knowledge from litigating the issues regarding the release of body-worn images. Both had submitted letters to the Commission highlighting these issues and they both spoke and answered questions during an informative power point presentation. They were able to highlight some of the gaps and conflicts with competing statues and case law. (both letters and power point attached). MCA Halvorsen and AMCA Endres offered assistance to the Commission going forward. Representative Roy spoke to the September deadline for filing legislation if the statue required a legislative fix.

- 4. PST Update:** Lt. Robicheau reported that the Antrim, Allenstown, and Moultonborough Police Departments have submitted applications. A motion was made by Chief King and seconded by Director Scippa to approve these applications. A roll call vote was cast, and the motion passed unanimously. A letter has gone (see attached) for the Accreditation Manager Training. The first training will be on September 20<sup>th</sup> at NHPST with 19 people currently enrolled and the second training will be at the Portsmouth Police Department on October 15<sup>th</sup> with 2 people currently enrolled. Additional regional training will be scheduled. It was reported that prior to return / expenditure of the PowerDMS money it requires Governor and Council approval. Lt. Robicheau will be meeting with Assistant Director Shultz to finalize and post the request for proposal for sample policies as previously approved by the Commission. Lt. Robicheau, Program Manager Stillman and Accreditation Specialist Wareing have attended Grafton and Belknap County Chief Association meetings and will be attending Rockingham County next week. There was discussion and agreement that having a booth at the Town Manager conference in October would be valuable. Lt. Robicheau has also spoken directly with the DOJ and has learned that DOJ currently does not have a way of recognizing independent credential bodies. There was discussion followed by a motion by Director Scippa and seconded by Chief King to pay the \$75.00 NNEPAC dues and the \$250.00 ACCREDNET dues for Lt. Robicheau. There was a roll call vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

At 1445 Representative Roy signed off from the meeting.



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The second monthly invoice from Dirigo Safety for \$5372.88 was presented. SAAG Broadhead requested, and the rest of the Commission agreed that it would be helpful in future meetings to highlight what milestones have been reached in the contract along with a budget print on expenditures and remaining funds. A motion was made by Chief King and seconded by Chief (Ret.) Ace to approve the invoice. The motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was no longer required with all remaining commission members being in person.

- 5. Program Manager Updates:** Program Manager Stillman submitted a written report (see attached) highlighting both his and Accreditation Specialist Waring activities for the past month. In addition, there was discussion and agreement to having Shawn O'Leary presenting for PowerDMS at the training. There was also discussion and agreement that agencies would benefit by utilizing CALEA assessors for their mock assessment to assist agencies in preparing for their actual assessment and when training new assessors that they would need to participate / observe mock assessments. Program Stillman will also be looking at location for the regional training in the Cheshire County, Lincoln and Conway areas.
- 6. CALEA Agencies:** Chief King spoke to having a waiver process for current CALEA Agencies. Tier 1 accredited agencies would need to show they meet the 12 NH specific requirements and Tier 2 accredited agencies would need to meet 8 as all other standards for CALEA meet or exceed the requirements.
- 7. Standards Sub-Committee Report:** They did not have a quorum, so no votes were taken.
- 8. Old Business:** Chief (Ret.) Ace informed the Commission that he was asked by the Innocence Project / Dupont Group, who presented to the Commission last year, if we will support the legislation that they are refiling that would require the recording of custodial interviews. Although the Commission was not opposed to the concept which would require further review of the wording, it is not the role of the Commission to endorse legislation. Chief (Ret.) Ace will relay the message.
- 9. New Business:** None
- 10. (NONPUBLIC SESSION) Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3:** None
- 11. Meeting schedule / next meeting:** The next two Commission meetings will be at:



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August 28, 2024, at 1:00 pm and by Microsoft Teams  
And  
September 11, 2024 at 1:00 pm and by Microsoft Teams

**Adjournment:** The meeting disbanded at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Chief Mark C. Chase