

**Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association  
Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission**

**Regular Commission Meeting  
October 26, 2023**

**Call to Order**

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 10:35 a.m. at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel, Harrisburg, PA. Chief Benson presided.

**Members Present**

Coordinator Adams, Chief Benson, Chief Bergmann, Executive Director Bohn, Chief Cortazzo, Captain Crone, Chief Daly, Accreditation Administrative Assistant Sara Feaser, Chief Ficco, Chief Haberman, Chief Hendershot, Chief Hettinger, Accreditation Manager Ketchem, Chief Kitzinger, Chief Lash, Chief Lauth, Chief Molloy, Sergeant Ross, Chief Sokoloski, Chief Steffen, Chief Swartz, and Chief Wagner

Solicitor Lavery, Corporal Madrak, and Chief Scalzo were absent.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief Benson welcomed all to the meeting and asked Commission members to introduce themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chief Daly made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 25, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting. Chief Lauth seconded the motion. All agreed.

**Introduction of Guests**

Also present were representatives from the following agencies: Lt. Charles Winik, Officer Paul Aita, Bristol Township; Chief Scott Miller, Lt. William Diehl, Sgt. Steven Dunkerly, East Pennsboro Township; Chief Michael Friel, Capt. Shawn Hummer, Forks Township; Lt. Eugene Dolan, Sgt. Shant Bedrossain, Haverford Township; Chief Don Sedlacek, Sgt. Eric Yerdon, Officer Nicollette Lopez, Township Manager Jamie Yurcina, Board of Commissioners President Rich Bufalini, Board of Commissioners Nic DiPietro, Hopewell Township; Chief Matthew Egan, Lt. John McCormick, Sgt. Mitchel Helmandollar, Officer Jonathan Joseph, Media Borough; Lt. Shener Ulke, Sgt. William Lonkert, Moon Township; Chief Donald Cokus, Jr., Lt. Chad Slovick, Lt./Det. Mark Kern, Lt. Steve Psomas, North Fayette Township; Asst. Deputy Chief Heather Green, PA Office of Attorney General; Chief Michael Pitkow, Lt. Rebecca Mersky, Springfield Township; Chief U. Mark Freeman, Administrative Sgt. Jeff Hilt, AM Jessica Flatley, Upper Providence Township; Chief Marc Goldberg, Lt. Jon Ogborn, Warwick Township; Chief Eric Higgins, Sgt. Jordan Byrnes, West Earl Township

**Assessment Reports for Consent Agenda**  
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Bristol Township  
East Pennsboro Township  
Forks Township  
Haverford Township  
Northampton County Sheriff's Department  
Upper Makefield Township  
Upper Providence Township

On a motion by Chief Hettinger, seconded by Chief Ficco, the consent agenda was approved, and all agencies granted Accredited Status for an additional 3-year period.

**Assessment Reports**

*Hopewell Township Review – Presented by Assessment Team Leader Jason Hendershot*

On a motion by Chief Cortazzo, seconded by Chief Swartz, Hopewell Township Police Department was granted accredited status.

*Media Borough Review – Presented by Assessment Team Leader Terry Ketchem*

On a motion by Chief Daly, seconded by Chief Hettinger, Media Borough Police Department was granted accredited status.

*Moon Township Review – Presented by Assessment Team Leader Jason Hendershot*

On a motion by Chief Haberman, seconded by Chief Cortazzo, Moon Township Police Department was granted accredited status.

*North Fayette Township Review– Presented by Assessment Team Member Terry Ketchem*

On a motion by Chief Lauth, seconded by Chief Hendershot, North Fayette Township Police Department was granted accredited status.

*Springfield Township Review – Presented by Assessment Team Member John Ross*

On a motion by Chief Daly, seconded by AM Ketchem, Springfield Township Police Department was granted accredited status.

*Warwick Township Review – Presented by Assessment Team Leader Guy Hettinger*

On a motion by Chief Ficco, seconded by Chief Molloy, Warwick Township Police Department was granted accredited status.

*West Earl Township Review – Presented by Assessment Team Leader Jason Hendershot*

On a motion by Chief Daly, seconded by Captain Crone, West Earl Township Police Department was granted accredited status.

At 12:00 p.m. the meeting recessed for lunch.

At 12:32 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

### **Committee Reports**

#### ***Assessment Committee***

Committee Chairman Chief Hendershot submitted document to update wording for the Mock Assessment section in the Administrative Manual. On a motion by Chief Lauth, seconded by Chief Lash, the update was approved.

#### ***Standards Committee***

Committee Chairman Captain Crone presented addendums to the Standards Manual. After discussion, Chief Hettinger moved to table the discussion of standards 1.5.2 and 1.2.6 till the January meeting and approve the other amendments. Sergeant Ross seconded the motion.

#### ***Administrative Committee***

Chief Hettinger was appointed the chair of the Admin Committee.

Premier Agency Recommendation: Forks Township

On a motion by Chief Hettinger, seconded by Captain Crone, Premier Status was granted to Forks Township Police Department for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time for the next three years.

#### ***Strategic Planning Committee***

Committee Chairman Chief Wagner had no report.

### **Coordinator's Report**

Report was posted prior to the meeting. No questions or actions taken.

### **Old Business**

Chief Hendershot - revisit the discussion of raising the assessor fee.

### **New Business**

Upon Chief Grimes resignation, Chief Lauth appointed Chief Haberman as a replacement.

Chief Lauth has re-appointed Chief Hendershot to an additional four-year term on the Pennsylvania Enforcement Accreditation Commission effective January 1, 2024.

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Jenkintown Borough Police Department has withdrawn from the accreditation program. It is the department's intent to apply again once they are able to get aligned with the PLEAC standards.

The Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General has requested a waiver of compliance for Standards 3.3.1, 3.3.2, and 3.3.3. Chief Benson directed the Standards Committee to review and make a recommendation at the January meeting.

**For the Good of the Order**

A new Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2024-2026 Terms of Office will be elected in the January meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next Commission Meeting will be held on January 25, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at the Sheraton, Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel.

**Adjournment**

At 1:30 p.m., a motion was made by AM Ketchem to adjourn, seconded by Chief Hettinger. All agreed.