

MINUTES
BOARD OF EXAMINERS
BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENTS
MEETING
MONDAY
FEBRUARY 14, 2019
10:00 A.M.
150 MARTIN L. KING, JR. BOULEVARD, SOUTH
TATNALL BUILDING
ROOM 112
DOVER, DE

I. Call To Order

Major Zebley called the meeting to order at 1000 hours and subsequently turned the meeting over to Ms. Hughes. The meeting is being recorded and will be maintained by the Professional Licensing Section.

Introductions were made around the table for the newest Staff member, Ms. DeAnna C. Sterling.

The following members of the Board of Examiners were in attendance:

Major Melissa A. Zebley
Chief Robert Kracyla – Proxy for Director John Yeomans
Mr. Michael J. Dellose
Mr. Kevin C. Hamilton
Mr. Brandon Habron
Ms. Robin David

The following members of the Board of Examiners were absent:

Mr. Harry O. Jennings

The following staff members were in attendance:

Victoria W. Counihan, Esquire
Captain S. Benjamin Parsons
Lieutenant Charles A. Sawchenko
Sergeant Dana M. Berry
Ms. Ashley N. Hughes
Mr. Christopher J. Scott
Ms. DeAnna C. Sterling

The following staff members were absent:

Mr. Michael Terranova – DTCC Representative

The following guests were in attendance:

Mr. John Colosimo
Mr. Will Resto
Ms. Shelley Maloney

II. Review and Acceptance of Minutes

A. November 15, 2018

Major Zebley, with a second by Mr. Dellose, made a motion to approve the minutes from 11/15/18 as presented. The motion was carried.

III. Rules & Regulations

A. Rule 2.0 Badges, Patches, Advertisements

1. Final Publication – *Exhibit A*

Ms. Hughes informed the Board that Rule 2.0 has been through first publication without any public comment, and therefore is now ready for final publication.

Chief. Kracyla, with a second by Mr. Habron made a motion to approve Rule 2.0 for Final Publication. The motion was carried.

B. Conor Hotchkiss

1. Ballistic Vest – *Exhibit B*

Mr. Habron, with a second by Chief Kracyla, made a motion to approve the ballistic vest for Mr. Hotchkiss, as presented. The motion was carried.

IV. Initial Classroom Training/Continuing Education

A. Initial Classroom Training

Ms. Hughes presented that the Initial Classroom Training class was scheduled for February 20, 2019. Mr. Christopher Scott stated that there was not a date set yet for the Continuing Education course.

VI. Old Business

A. Professional Licensing

Mr. Christopher Scott presented that one BEA was not provided notice of when the Continuing Education course was available and therefore he missed the course. After discussion it was determined that this particular BEA would be notified by the Professional Licensing section about the Continuing Education and be given opportunity to make up the course.

B. Board Members

The Board Members did not have any Old Business at this time.

C. Major

Major Zebley did not have any Old Business at this time.

A. Professional Licensing

Professional Licensing did not have any new Business at this time.

B. Board Members

The Board Members did not have any New Business at this time.

C. Major

Major Zebley thanked Mr. Dellose for agreeing to continue as a member of the Board. Major Zebley also made mention that Mr. Harry Jennings would be stepping down as a member of the Board and that going forward there should be a new Board member in the future.

Public entered at 1007 hours

VIII. Public Comment (At the discretion of the Chair)

Mr. John Colosimo stated that as President of the Delaware Bail Agent Association they had concerns about the curriculum for the Bail Enforcement Agents and that they are having difficulties policing the Bail Enforcement Agents and made mention of a video circulating the internet. Major Zebley requested more in depth information about the concern for the curriculum for Bail Enforcement Agents. Mr. Colosimo stated that the curriculum is not currently up to par and that the class essentially teaches nothing. Mr. Colosimo also stated that the curriculum is in regards to the Initial Classroom Training and the Continuing Education course, and that each course does not cover information on Bail Enforcement and that the courses need to be evaluated and possibly extended. Major Zebley informed Mr. Colosimo about how at each Board meeting the members of the Board discuss the courses that are required with representatives from Del-Tech. Chief Kracyla mentioned that class reviews have been primarily positive and inquired where Mr. Colosimo was getting his information that the classes are inconsequential. Mr. Colosimo then stated that he had spoken with several bail enforcement agents and that they agreed with his consensus. Major Zebley requested that Mr. Colosimo offer more specific information in regards to what he believes that is offering him nothing in the courses so that it may be brought before and discussed with the instructional team.

Mr. Colosimo then went onto the difficulties of policing “their own people” and about how there is a video that he saw on the internet that showed several bail enforcement agents essentially breaking into someone’s home. Major Zebley then informed Mr. Colosimo that whenever there is a complaint it goes to the

State Bureau of Identification where the complaint is then vetted and looked into and if necessary action is taken and/or brought to the Board. Captain Parsons requested further information from Mr. Colosimo in regards to the video and complaint. Lieutenant Sawchenko summarized Mr. Colosimo's statements regarding the video and the training of bail enforcement agents; and inquired if Mr. Colosimo's association had any recommendation on the amount of training hours a bail enforcement agent should complete. A 40 hour initial classroom training course was the recommendation from Mr. Colosimo. Mr. Habron brought to light that at the current price point at an 8 hour course is a couple hundred dollars, whereas with a 40 hour course the price could be increased exponentially. Mr. Habron also inquired of Mr. Colosimo if the people in his association have taken into consideration the potential price increase and the probability of getting potential bail enforcement agents to take a 5 day course in lieu of a day. Mr. Colosimo stated that an increase in the hours of training and the possible price increase would eliminate the part time bail enforcement agents that don't know what they're doing. Major Zebley closed with the request that Mr. Colosimo reach out with more detailed feedback in regards to the type of training that his association would recommend and for him to keep in mind that his comments regarding the training do not necessarily represent the feedback received from class reviews, but are appreciated.

IX. Adjournment

A. Schedule Next Meeting

1. Thursday, May 23, 2019 @ 10:00am

Mr. Dellose, with a second by Mr. Habron, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 1025 hours.