

Police Academy Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 31, 2011
Building B, TSTC 9:00 a.m.

I. Roll Call

Chief Olga Maldonado did roll call. We do have a quorum.

II. Committee Membership (see attached) - *quorum is 6 or more voting members*

Carlos Warren needs to be changed to Charles Warren.

III. Approval of minutes from January 21, 2011 (see attached)

Charles Warren stated that he didn't approve the rules about attendance in our last meeting he "moved to approve the rules."

Approval of minutes, 1st by Charles Warren and 2nd by Mike Sullenger.

IV. Review and Revise Advisory Committee By-laws (see attached - no changes)

Paul Williams stated the only changes we had is on page3 under Voting, "The LRGVDC Executive Director/Coordinator of the Regional Police Academy and Training Center and the **Program Administrator** are non-voting members of the Advisory Board." Glenda is already listed as a member, she's our Program Administrator but it's not listed in our by-laws so that was added. Another thing that was changed is on page4 under Sunset Review "starting the 1st day of May of even numbered year" should be "starting the 1st day of May of odd numbered year" to review our by-laws. Those were the only changes we had.

Approval of by-laws, 1st by Mayor Brewer and 2nd by Mike Sullenger.

V. Review and Revise BPOC Rules and Regulations (see attached)

We had concerns on the breakdown on how the 10% works on attendance. Students can't miss 10% of the individual courses or 10% overall. An Example of the 10% overall is, if they miss one hour of Fitness and Wellness, couple of hours Emergency Medical, couple of hours of Firearms then that could add up to be 10% overall of the 818 hour program. Or if they miss 10% of any one subject with the exception of those subjects that they have to be here 100%. The hands on training like Firearms, Driving, Defensive Tactics, Mechanics of Arrest, etc. Charles Warren suggests that we re-phrase "Any cadet missing more than 10% of the course will be dismissed from the course". Carlos Champion says we could use "Any cadet missing 10% of the entire BPOC and/or 10% of each sub sections will be dismissed." Paul will work on the language.

Approval of BPOC Rules/Attendance, 1st by Mike Sullenger and 2nd by Carlos Champion

VI. Funding considerations/concerns: LEOSE and CJD funding

The LEOSE funds have been removed and the CJD funds have been reduced.

VII. 2011 - 2012 draft calendar (William McGinnis)

William is putting together a new calendar for 2011-2012. If you would like to host any of the courses at your department please let us know so we can put it on our calendar. One of the big courses that we did recently was the Advanced Instructor's Course. We are the first agency outside of TCLEOSE that taught the course.

VIII. Legislative bills of relevance/interest (see attached)

A. HB 621 - regulation of officers by TCLEOSE

This bill talks about the training that we have to do, it's pretty much the same as we are doing right now, they just made a couple of changes and they are trying to hold the jailers to a certain standard as peace officers.

B. HB 633 - non-refundable fees charged by TCLEOSE

Fees for certificates or licenses are going up and are non-refundable.

C. HB 697 - agencies graded after 3rd attempt on state exam instead of 1st attempt

Right now we are graded on the 1st attempt on how well the cadets do on the state exam. We have to maintain an 80% passing rate. With this bill, we won't be rated until after the 3rd attempt. If this bill passes, we still want to maintain us being rated on the 1st attempt. We will still grade our instructor's on the 1st attempt.

D. HB 1045 - proficiency certificates

The commission shall reissue a corrected proficiency certificate if it's determined that the original certificate contains incorrect information.

E. HB 1163 - tuition and fee exemptions

This bill will allow peace officers to go to school at no cost. Only 20 percent of the class will qualify.

F. HB 1402 - consequences of criminal convictions on licenses

This bill is to make it harder for peace officers to maintain their license once they have been convicted of a criminal offense.

G. HB 1491 - medical marijuana

The state of Texas is considering medical marijuana.

H. HB 1673 - state tests for persons with dyslexia

For each licensing examination administered by a state agency, the agency shall provide reasonable examination accommodations to an examinee diagnosed as having dyslexia.

I. HB 2823 - ethical decision making training for peace officers

The commission by rule shall require an officer to complete an eight-hour training program on ethical decision making.

- J. **HB 3617 (9 pages) - combining TCLEOSE, Jail Standards and Fire Commission**
An act relating to abolishing the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, the Commission on Jail Standards, and the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education and transferring certain of the powers and duties of those agencies to the newly created Public Safety Licensing Commission

- K. **SB 542 - regulation of officers by TCLEOSE**
This bill is on how TCLEOSE is coming down on officers that are not getting their training done.

- L. **SB 867 - state tests for persons with dyslexia**
Same as HB 1673

- M. **SB 1292 - pseudo-addresses on DLs for peace officers**
An act relating to the issuance of a driver's license to a peace officer that includes an alternative to the officer's residence address.

- N. **SB 1583 (4 pages) - fiscal matters (grants) for law enforcement**
This bill is about how we get funded.

- O. **SB 1676 - ethical decision making training for peace officers**
Same as HB 2823

- IX. **LRGVDC (COG) headquarters moving to Weslaco in EDC building and the Regional Training Center will locate in the Hidalgo Regional Training facility on Bridge Street.**
Our main office will be moving to Weslaco by August 21, 2011.

- X. **TCLEOSE**
 - A. **SFST Practitioner certificate will be no more as of 6/14/2011**
 - B. **Peace officers can take a 40 hour jailer course to attain their jailer's license - this is needed for those Sheriff's deputies, etc. who work the courts and are responsible for inmates; does not apply to municipal jailers.**
 - C. **TCLEOSE is adopting a PHS form which will be about 35 pages.**
 - D. **New course: Border Violence (3333)**
 - E. **Advance Instructor course (1017)**
 - F. **Texas is switching web addresses to agencyname.texas.gov sometime this year**
 - G. **3182 will be the legislative update for the next training unit (2011-2013)**

H. Human Trafficking: as of 1/1/2011, required for all persons licensed as of 1/1/2011 and as an intermediate course for all others; however, those who took the course as of 9/1/2009 have met the requirements unless they just got their license in Jan 2011.

I. Push to get Telecomm Operators licensed instead of certified

XI. Open discussion

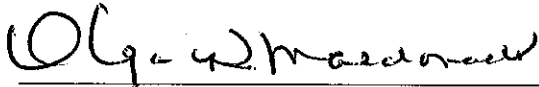
XII. Next meeting: Thursday, June 23, 2011 - location TBD, can we move the meeting to 6/30/2011 due to Executive Board meeting in Weslaco at 12:00 on 6/23/2011

We will have our next meeting on June 30, 2011.

Approval of next meeting, 1st by Charles Warren and 2nd by Juan Leal.

XIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mike Sullenger and 2nd by Carlos Champion.



Advisory Committee Chair



Date