

Regional Police Academy Advisory Committee – Quarterly Meeting Minutes
L.R.G.V.D.C. Main Office, 301 W. Railroad St. Weslaco, TX. 788596
Thursday, January 23, 2020 2:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

The Meeting was called to order by Executive Director, Mr. Ron Garza, at approximately 2:04 P.M. A quorum was present:

- a. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair – Chief Olga Maldonado (Mercedes P.D.) – not present
Vice Chair – Chief Michael Sullenger (Valley International Airport P.D.)
Chief Robert Dominguez (Mission P.D.)
Chief Jesus Ortega (Hidalgo P.D.)
Lieutenant Michael Cerda (Edinburg P.D.)
Mr. Steve Guevara (T.S.T.C.)
Ms. Gloria Ocampo (Citizen - Friendship of Women)
Ms. Daisy Lopez (Citizen - Friendship of Women)
Sergeant Albert Cruz (Hidalgo P.D.)
Mr. Fernando Cano (Hidalgo P.D.)
Mr. David Rodriguez (San Benito P.D.)
Mr. Israel Ambriz (San Benito P.D.)
Chief Patrick Quill (Combes P.D.)

Staff:

Randall Snyder, Training Coordinator
Jesse J. Vargas, Lead Instructor
Erika Ramon, RPA Administrative Assistant

II. Approval of Previous Minutes

III. Personnel Updates

- a. Resignation of Chief Olga Maldonado
 - i. Motion made by Chief Sullenger to accept resignation
 - ii. Second by Chief Dominguez
- b. Resignation of Chief Michael R. Galvan
 - i. Motion made by Chief Sullenger to accept resignation
 - ii. Second by Chief Dominguez
- c. Motion made by Chief Dominguez to appoint Chief Sullenger as Advisory Board Committee Chair
 - i. Motion second by Steve Guevara
- d. Motion made by Chief Sullenger to appoint Chief Dominguez as Advisory Board Committee Vice Chair
 - i. Motion second by Steve Guevara

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IV. Administration

- a. Motion made by Chief Sullenger to appoint Lt. Cerda from Edinburg P.D. as a voting member
 - i. Motion 2nd by Chief Dominguez
- b. Motion made by Chief Sullenger to appoint Chief Ortega from Hidalgo P.D. as a voting member
 - i. Motion 2nd by Chief Dominguez
- c. Consider and take action regarding an increase in hourly wages from \$25 to \$30 for the Regional Police Academy contractual instructors
 - i. Motion made by Chief Dominguez
 - ii. Motion 2nd by Steve Guevara
- d. Consider and take action on increase of (\$300) tuition payment from \$2200 to \$2500
 - i. Motion made my Chief Sullenger to increase tuition payment for 204th BPOC and ongoing until it is brought to attention on the agenda again.
 - ii. Motion 2nd by Chief Dominguez
- e. Consider and take regarding establishment of acceptable thresholds for minimum entrance requirements
 - i. Motion made by Chief Sullenger
 - ii. Motion 2nd made by Chief Dominguez

V. Current Academy Updates, Curriculum Progress, & Projected Graduation Dates

- a. 199th BPOC Graduation –18 cadets graduated
- b. 200th BPOC Graduation – 19 cadets graduated
- c. Approximately 54 graduates for the 201st. Projected graduation date for 201st BPOC Day Academy (Sites: Mission, Hidalgo, Edinburg, & Harlingen-TSTC) is on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. They will be having their state exam on Monday, February 3, 2020.
- d. Projected start date for the 202nd BPOC Night Academy is on Monday, January 27, 2020 at Weslaco (Ken Jones Executive Board Room). Projected graduation is on Friday, September 25, 2020. (subject to change)
- e. Projected orientation date for the 203rd BPOC Day Academy is on Friday, February 28, 2020. Projected start date is on Monday, March 2, 2020 (Sites: Mission & Harlingen-TSTC). Projected graduation date is on Friday, July 24, 2020 (subject to change)
- f. Curriculum updates changed from 667 required hours to 696 required hours mandated by TCOLE.
- g. Update to TCOLE Rule 217.1 Personal History Statement

VI. Old or new business

VII. Adjournment

- a. Chief Sullenger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Dominguez second the motion. The motion was passed, and the meeting was adjourned approximately at 3:45 P.M.