**NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: Wednesday September 11, 2024

TIME: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Western New Mexico University

1000 W. College Ave.

Silver City, NM 88061

**AGENDA**

1. **COUNCIL CALL TO ORDER**

LEA Director Sonya K. Chavez called the meeting to order at 9:09 am.

* 1. Roll Call
* NMLEST Council Administrator Jessica Ochoa Arballo conducted roll call, confirming the in-person attendance of members: Dir. Sonya K. Chavez, Cmdr. Joseph Viers, Lt. Santiago Roybal, Dir. Tate McBride, Sgt. Jonthan Jensen, Dir. Dennis Kelly, Dir. Gilbert Najar, District Attorney Sam Bregman, Nicole Brown, Sheriff Dennis Garcia, Sara Millspaugh and Teresa Beaty.
* Members attending virtually: Dir. Ray Fritts, Rachel Feldman, Mark Swanson, Chief Mizel Garcia.
* Absent members: Lt. Veronica Saenz, Cpt. Samuel Ramos, Guadalupe Tarango, Richard Mathews and Chief Adrian Armijo.
  1. Approval of Agenda
* Dir. Sonya K. Chavez moved to approve September 11th, 2024, NMLESTC Agenda, District Attorney Sam Bregman motioned, seconded by Cmdr. Joseph Viers, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.
  1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2024, Meeting
* Dir. Sonya K. Chavez moved to approve the June 12, 2024, NMESTC agenda minutes, seconded by member Nicole Brown. Member Rachel Feldman inquired about the correction and/or personal statement she made to be included in the agenda for the September 11, 2024, meeting. Dir. Chavez moved to motion for the Council to consider including minutes in the June 12, 2024, meeting and/or consider including minutes in today’s meeting. District Attorney Sam Bregman motioned to include correction and/or personal statement for this meeting’s minutes and to provide member Rachel Feldman with the opportunity to read her statement into the record. Member Mark Swanson seconded motion, member Rachel Feldman had no objections, and none opposed, motion carried unanimously.
  1. Welcome from Gilbert Najar Ph.D, Western New Mexico University Law Enforcement Satellite Academy Director.
* Dir. Sonya K. Chavez welcomed New Mexico Department of Public Safety Secretary Jason R. Bowie via virtual attendance along with Deputy Secretary Sylvia Serna. Dir. Sonya K. Chavez introduced Dr. Najar and thanked him for hosting NMLESTC. Dr. Najar recognized the celebration of his 1974 class #1.

1. **REPORTS**
   1. Report from LEA Director Sonya K. Chavez

* + 1. Job Task Analysis Updates
* Deputy Director Brian Coss reported an update on the final report and completion for the initial part of the JTA. Member Rachel Feldman motioned to have the NMLEA team develop a plan and timeline for completing the recommended implementations, Dr. Gilbert Najar seconded the motion, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.
  + 1. Academy Reports & Updates
* Dir. Sonya K. Chavez introduced Director Dennis Kelly as the new Director of the Hobbs Satellite Academy. Dir. Sonya K. Chavez confirmed Lt. Jake Garcia from NMSP Academy has been replaced by Lt. Veronica Saenz. Captain Samuel Ramos from Doña Ana Sheriff’s Office is on extended leave from the academy, in his absence Lt. David Lucero will be interim. Sgt. Jensen reported no updates; Tate Mcbrian reported no updates; Roybal reported findings of high levels of lead in their range, also confirmed having taken the necessary steps ensure the range is fit for use, notifications have been made and staff is being medically cleared and treated accordingly and will be using the Santa Fe range in the meantime. Cmdr. Joseph Viers reported no updates; Dr. Najar, reported that they are in the pre academy stages getting ready for class #70 on January 13, 2025, and adds that they are still struggling on fitness levels with applicants. Dir. Sonya K. Chavez introduces Joshua Calder as the CEO for the Certification Board and confirms that the board is actively looking to procure a new location since the approval of SB19 that went into effect July 1, 2023, reassigning the Law Enforcement Certification Office administratively to the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy. Additional report of the basic training class graduating on November 7, 2024. Advanced Training has been working with partners at FLETC and outside agencies exploring new opportunities for training. NMAC contractor Stephen Marshal is now onboard, he has met with NMDOJ (Attorney Generals) and NMAC working groups on moving forward. A directors quarterly meeting will be initiated, that should help with sharing information, the first meeting will start in October of 2024. Continued efforts are being made to implement a management system for the academy.
  + 1. Budget Update
* Dir. Sonya K. Chavez explained the consistent communication taking place with the budget team and regular meetings to discuss budget needs.
  1. Updates from Rulemaking Working Groups
     1. Law Enforcement Rulemaking Working Group

Presented by Sgt. Jonathan Jensen

* Sgt. Jensen reported on the status of the working group.
  + 1. Telecommunicator Rulemaking Working Group

Presented by Member Nicole Brown

* Member Nicole Brown reported on the status of the working group.
  + 1. Legislative Rulemaking Working Group

Presented by Member Rachel Feldman

* Member Rachel Feldman reported on the status of the working group.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no requests for public comment.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Improvements in Application Review Processes

* Brian Coss reported the declinations and appeals of admission applications, he pointed out the common areas of concern which are mostly the medical, psychological and disclosure of prior arrests.
  1. Test Leak Concern
* Dir. Sonya K. Chavez confirmed that this concern has been addressed.
  1. Re-Implementation of Agency Compliance Audit
* Dir. Sonya K. Chavez speaks on the importance of compliance with that the reintroduction of the internal and external audit need and projected for 2025.
  1. Council Overview for New Mexico State Legislature
* Sgt. Jensen proposed a statue guide rough draft referencing in-service training, Dir. Sonya K. Chavez proposed to get the process rolling and voted on for the next meeting. Dir. Tate McBride, Lt. Santiago Roybal, Sgt. Jonathan Jensen and member Rachel Feldman will spearhead the project. Member Nicole Brown will work on the PST portion as needed. Sgt. Jonathan Jensen will follow up on an email to everyone.
  1. Legal representation and possible action to retain legal representation
* Blain Moffatt speaks on the options to represent, Dir. Sonya K. Chavez motioned to keep the NMDOJ as the appointed counsel, Sgt. Jonathen Jensen seconds motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
   1. Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority Satellite Academy Proposal Presentation (Moving to December Agenda)

* Sgt. Jonathan Jensen motioned for forward movement, member Nicole Brown seconded motion, to implement 1 academy of 10 for 2025, member Rachel Feldman is in favor and would like to add active recruiting associated with the training, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.
  1. Law Enforcement Training Requirements Discussion
* Sgt. Jonathan Jensen spoke on the substitution for in-service on the website with all agencies specified.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**
   1. Next Meeting: November 14, 2024 - Hobbs, NM
   2. Member Announcements
      1. New Mexico State Police Satellite Training Academy Director, Veronica Saenz
      2. Southeastern New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy Director, Dennis Kelly
      3. Official announcement of appointment for CEO Joshua Calder
   3. Adjourn

Cmdr. Joe Viers moved to adjourn, Sgt. Jonathan Jensen seconded all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:16pm