

**Minutes of Public Meeting of the
Constable Ethics, Standards and Training Board
February 17, 2016**

A public meeting of the Constables Ethics, Standards and Training Board (CESTB) was convened on February 17, 2016 at 10:15 a.m. at the offices of Capitol Consulting 818 North First Street Phoenix, AZ 85004. Present at the meeting were the following members of the CESTB - Constable Ken Sumner. Present via teleconference were the following members of the CESTB - Constable Mike Cobb, Constable Scott Tipton, Constable Brandon Schmoll,. The following staff was present – Tracy Unmacht. Member of the public present via teleconference was Daniel Romm representing the County Supervisors Association. Absent were the following members of the CESTB – Stuart Goodman, Christine Shipley, Dan Field and Judge Barbara Brown.

A quorum was NOT reached. The following matters were discussed at the meeting:

Financial Report: Staff found an error in the financial report that was distributed and will send a corrected copy to board members.

Discussion regarding outside training grants – approval of these applications is very time sensitive. Board members present agreed to reconvene on Friday, February 19th, 2016 at 11:00 am if enough absent members will be available to reach a quorum.

2015 Training Records Audit Staff reported there were seven constables who fell short of the required training hours in 2015. Two of them are no longer constables. Staff was directed to set up the customary complaint files for the remaining five.

Administration Report: Per the directive of the Board at the January meeting, staff investigated the requirements under the open meeting laws to determine if the CESTB is required to accept and read comments from members of the public who submit them via email prior to the meeting instead of stating them during the Call to the Public. The Arizona Ombudsman website states we are not required to include a Call to the Public, but if we want to continue doing so, a 1999 AG opinion cited there states “a public body may impose on speakers reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions.” and “The best practice is to decide in advance so that speakers have prior notice about the restrictions”.

Staff will draft a policy stating the CESTB won't accept written comments from the public submitted in advance to be read during the “Call to the Public” portion of any public meeting. Staff will forward to the AG office for input and approval. The board can consider adopting the formal policy following AG opinion.

Call to the Public:

No members of the public were present.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2016
Constable Ethics, Standards and Training Board
By
Chairman Ken Sumner