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### Minutes of Public Meeting – July 14, 2022

A public meeting of the Constables Ethics, Standards and Training Board (CESTB) was convened on July 14, 2022 at 9:07 a.m. at the offices of Capitol Consulting 818 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St, Phoenix, AZ 85004. CESTB Board members attending in person: Chairman Dennis Dowling and. CESTB Board members attending via teleconference: Constable Scott Blake and Constable Michael Hoggard. Members absent: Secretary Christine Shipley Vice Chair Matt Giordano, Melissa Buckley and Valerie Beckett. The following staff was present – Tracy Unmacht. Members of the public attending in person – Caitlin Rieker, Deborah Martinez and Steve Jacobs. Members of the public attending via teleconference: Patrice Goodman, Mark Napier, Jeff Whitbeck, Robert Aldous, Antonio Benitez and Scott Davis.

A quorum was reached, and the following matters were discussed and decided at the meeting:

#### **Announcements:** Chairman Dowling

Continue working with the Department of Administration on securing an investigator to assist with complaint investigations.

We received late input for the complaints on the agenda today, so the Chairman is tabling Agenda Item F to the next meeting.

Chairman acknowledged the recent constable incident and stated for the record the Board has no information about this matter other than that reported by the media. Chairman extends sympathy and prayers to all involved and their families.

Constable Blake left the meeting and quorum is no longer met.

#### **Call to the Public:**

Pilar Ruiz made a statement expressing her concern about Constable Deborah Martinez's unethical behavior.

Caitlin Rieker read a statement in support of Constable Deborah Martinez.

Constable Blake rejoined the meeting a re-established the quorum.

Constable Deborah Martinez made a statement disputing allegations in the complaint against her.

Mark Napier stated the complaint submitted against Constable Martinez is an unbiased fact finding report and encouraged the Board to conduct a complete investigation.

Constable Blake stated for the record he received an unsolicited email from Caitlin Rieker at his personal email. He immediately deleted the email when he realized what it was and stated for the record he was not influenced by the email and will evaluate all information submitted for the complaint.

Constable Hoggard stated he also received the email from Caitlin Rieker and also deleted it.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

Corrections: None

Constable Hoggard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the June 9, 2022, CESTB meeting, and Constable Blake seconded. The motion passed 3-0 with Chairman Dowling abstaining.

**Financial Report:** Staff reviewed the May financial report received from Central Services Bureau. Constable Blake made a motion to accept the May financial report, and Constable Hoggard seconded. The motion passed 3-0 with Chairman Dowling abstaining.

**Administrative Update:**

Grant applications for Cycle I Equipment and Cycle II Outside Training are now available on the website and the deadline to submit is noon on August 29, 2022.

Staff is working on collecting writ information from counties and will be compiling all required data for budget submission preparation once the final FY22 financial report is received.

Next CESTB board meeting falls during the ACA training event so staff was directed to reach out to board members for an alternate meeting time/date.

**Future Agenda and Action Items:**

None

**Adjournment:** Constable Hoggard made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Constable Blake seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022  
Constable Ethics, Standards and Training Board

9:31

By Matt Giordano



CESTB Vice Chairman