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A public meeting of the Constables Ethics, Standards and Training Board (CESTB) was convened on April 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of Capitol Consulting 1415 N 7th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

MINUTES

- A. Call to order and Roll Call** – Present via Zoom: Chairman Dowling, Vice Chairman Hoggard, Constable Kennedy, Member Perez, Member Becker and Member Giordano. Absent: None.
- B. Announcements** – Member Becker introduced by Chairman Dowling.
- C. Possible Action to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Minutes approved unanimously
- D. Call to Public** – This is the time for the public to make oral comments to the Board in person; note that written statements submitted to the Board will not be read during the Call to the Public and will not be accepted as part of the meeting record. Also, members of the Board may not discuss items that are not already listed on the written agenda. Therefore, unless a comment relates only to an item already listed on the written agenda for that meeting, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H) the Board's ability to act on that public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. Finally, please note that the total time allowed for public comments will be limited to two (2) minutes, so that the public meeting can be conducted as scheduled.
- E. Presentation of Financial Report by Department of Administration** – • No financial report available.
- F. Legislative Update 2025 - *SB1161 sheriffs; constables; service; mileage; fees***. For every writ issued on behalf of a justice of the peace, the county sheriff may receive a fee established by the county board of supervisors of up to \$10 per writ, increased from \$5. Because this bill potentially increases state revenue, it requires a 2/3 vote of the members of each house of the Legislature to pass and becomes effective immediately on the Governor's signature. Last Action: Passed House PSLE Committee 11-3-0-1-0 on 3/17/25. Waiting on Rules committee. ***SB1231 training; newly elected constables***. Allows an elected or appointed constable to request training from the Constable Ethics Standards and Training Board. If approved by the Board, the training will be paid for with Board monies and provided by a constable who has completed the mandatory basic training course. Last Action: Transmit to Governor on 3/31/25. ***SB1372 public records; notification; commercial purpose***. Requires anyone requesting a public record to affirm whether the request is for a commercial purpose and, if so, to provide a statement explaining the intended use. Last Action: House COW passed amended on 3/27/25. ***HB2390 JPs; constables; online signature***. Allows justice of the peace and constable candidates to collect nomination petition signatures electronically through the secure online portal managed by the Secretary of State. Last Action: Signed by Governor on 3/31/25. ***HB2927 public meetings; records; requirements; penalties***. Requires minutes or recordings of public meetings to be available online within three working days and remain available online for at least five years. Requires public bodies to provide electronic copies of records upon request and limits fees to material costs. Requires the Attorney General to respond to complaints within 120 days and publish responses online. Last Action: Placed On Senate Caucus on 4/1/25. Bills that are not moving: ***SB1372 public records; notification; commercial purpose***. Requires anyone requesting a public record to affirm whether the request is for a commercial purpose and, if so, to provide a statement explaining the intended use. Last Action: House COW passed amended on 3/27/25. ***HB2390 JPs; constables; online signature***. Allows justice of the peace and constable candidates to collect nomination petition signatures electronically through the secure online portal managed by the

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G. Presentation from Arizona Constable Association Equipment and Training Grants Updates and Requests – Presented by ACA President Scott Blake. Grants and training are based on duties and needs of constables in the community. Firearms training have other requirements. ACA offering defensive tactics in the future and other training opportunities. New constable training provided to counties where there is no trainer or constable available to provide new constable training.

H. Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action on Cycle XIV: Equipment for Vacancies – No applications this month.

I. Discussion & Possible Action on Constable Complaints – Chairman Dowling

1. CNA401-2024 Wallace v Martinez –Dismissed; Chairman Dowling motion to dismiss and second by Constable Hoggard. Motion passed – 3-1-2.
2. CNA416-2025 Levya v Lopez – Letter to Admonish; Constable Hoggard motion to admonish and second by Member Giordano. Motion passed – 6-0-0.

Initial Screening of New Complaints:

1. CNA431-2025 Alexander v Pearce – Member Giordano would like to hear from the constable and moves to forward for investigation; board agrees.

J. Administrative Update – Draft budget presentation is scheduled for May meeting.

K. Future Agenda and Action Items - None

L. Adjournment – Motion by Constable Hoggard and seconded by Member Perez.

A copy of the agenda background material provided to the Board members (with the exception of material relating to possible Executive Sessions) is available for public inspection by submitting a public records request through our website <https://cestb.az.gov/>

Dated this 10th day of April 2025



By: Dennis Dowling, Chairman