

**MINUTES OF THE  
PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS  
AND TRAINING BOARD  
TEAMS Online  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA  
July 9, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Adrian Martinez  
Joe Cianni  
Roger Hutchinson  
Dave Stromberg  
Travis Stefonowicz  
Lyn James (Teams)  
Steve Armstrong

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Frank Eberle

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Lori Mickelson  
Jeremy Ensrud

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Pat Helfrich	Executive Secretary
Jessica Linder	Administrative Officer

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chairman Joe Cianni called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM. Secretary Helfrich took the roll. Member Eberle was absent. Member James attended via Teams. The vacancy from Matt Odermann has not been filled.

This is a special meeting for:

Adverse Actions from pending cases which occurred in 2024.  
All members received the supporting documents prior to the meeting.

### **Benjamin Myrum 24-006**

The board was advised of charges on Benjamin Myrum and that Myrum pled guilty to misapplication of entrusted property under \$500

Member Hutchinson made a motion that Benjamin Myrum violated the code of conduct section 109-02-05-01 subsection c. Member James seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Stromberg made a motion to start adverse license action in accordance with NDCC 12-63-12. Member Hutchinson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Stromberg made a motion to revoke Myrum's peace officer's license. Member Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Carson Quam 24-014**

The board was advised that the letter the board approved during the special meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, was returned by the USPS. The board is aware that Carson Quam is awaiting trial for possession of certain materials prohibited.

Member Hutchinson made a motion that Carson Quam violated the code of conduct section 109-02-05-01 subsection c. Member Armstrong seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Martinez made a motion to start adverse license action in accordance with NDCC 12-63-12. Member Hutchinson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Martinez made a motion to suspend Quam's peace officers license until after Quam's trial. Member Hutchinson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Christopher Lee 24-019**

The board was advised of the charges on Christopher Lee. The board was advised that this was the second DUI on Lee and not the first as it shows and Lee pled guilty to the DUI. CJIS suspends for what is believed to be 3-5 years on the second conviction. This would prevent Lee from keeping his peace officer's license.

Member Martinez made a motion that Lee violated the code of conduct section 109-02-05-01 subsection c. Member Hutchinson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Hutchinson made a motion to start adverse license action in accordance with NDCC 12-63-12. Member Stromberg seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Stromberg made a motion to suspend Lee's license until it's expiration in 2027 or until Lee requests a hearing in front of the POST board. Member Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

#### **Coy Sayler 24-015**

The board was advised of the investigation regarding domestic violence against Sayer. The board was informed by NDAAG Jeremy Ensrud that a diversion letter was sent to Coy, in which Coy would surrender his license.

Member Martinez made a motion that Sayler violated the code of conduct section 109-02-05-01 subsection c. Member Hutchinson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Hutchinson made a motion to start adverse license action in accordance with NDCC 12-63-12. Member Stromberg seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Stromberg made a motion to revoke Sayler's peace officer's license. Member Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

#### **Daniel Christensen 24-021**

The board was advised of the charges of possession of certain materials prohibited against Christensen. The board was informed that a trial is pending.

Member Martinez made a motion that Christensen violated the code of conduct section 109-02-05-01 subsection c. Member Stromberg seconded the motion. All in favor motion passed.

Member Hutchinson made a motion to start adverse license action in accordance with NDCC 12-63-12. Member Armstrong seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Stromberg made a motion to suspend Christensen's peace officer's license until after his trial. Member Stefonowicz seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

#### **Darin Viken 24-016**

The board was advised of the charges of disorderly conduct against Darin Viken. A trial is pending.

Member Armstrong made a motion that Viken violated the code of conduct section 109-02-05-01 subsection c. Member Hutchinson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Hutchinson made a motion to start adverse license action in accordance with NDCC 12-63-12. Member Stromberg seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Hutchinson made a motion to suspend Viken's peace officer's license until after his trial or until the expiration of his license on 12/31/2025. Member Stromberg seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Mason Valek 24-013**

The board was advised of the charge of big game protected and the board was advised that Valek shot a deer during bow season. Valek pled guilty to the charge.

Member Hutchinson made a motion that Valek violated the code of conduct section 109-02-05-01 subsection c. Member Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Hutchinson made a motion to start adverse license action in accordance with NDCC 12-63-12. Member Stromberg seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Stromberg made a motion to revoke Valek's peace officer's license. Member James seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Michael Beaver 24-011**

The board was advised that Beaver made an Alford plea to the charge of tampering with public records-false entry-public servant, a C felony.

Member Armstrong made a motion that Beaver violated the code of conduct section 109-02-05-01 subsection e. Member Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Stromberg made a motion to start adverse license action in accordance with NDCC 12-63-12. Member Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Stromberg made a motion to revoke Beaver's peace officer's license. Member Armstrong seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Patrick Lemer 24-012**

The board was advised that Patrick Lemer pled guilty to misrepresentation of age (having a false ID).

Member Armstrong made a motion that Lemer violated the code of conduct section 109-02-05-01 subsection c. Member Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Hutchinson made a motion to start adverse license action in accordance with NDCC 12-63-12. Member Armstrong seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Martinez made a motion to suspend Lemer's peace officer's license until 12/31/25. Member Stefonowicz seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Phil Larson 24-020**

The board was advised that Larson was not a licensed peace officer but was licensable after his graduation from Lake Region College Basic Academy class. Larson was charged with providing alcohol to a minor in Minnesota. Larson admitted to having a sexual relationship with the minor. Larson pled guilty to the charges.

Member Stromberg made the motion to rescind the eligibility of Larson to be licensed as a peace officer in ND. Member Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Sam Shively 24-017**

The board was advised that Shively pled guilty to disorderly conduct which was reduced from sexual assault-offensive contact. The incident occurred off duty, however the victim was a subordinate under Shively who was a sergeant at time.

Member Martinez made a motion that Shively violated the code of conduct section 109-02-05-01 subsection c. Member Hutchinson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Hutchinson made a motion to start adverse license action in accordance with NDCC 12-63-12. Member Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Stromberg made a motion to revoke Shively's peace officer's license. Member Hutchinson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Savannah Wilson 24-018**

The board was advised that Wilson is inactive maintaining and not working for a law enforcement agency. Wilson pled guilty to Theft under \$500 and to Criminal mischief-willful-damage-reckless.

Member Martinez made a motion that Wilson violated the code of conduct section 109-02-05-01 subsection c. Member Stromberg seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Hutchinson made a motion to start adverse license action in accordance with NDCC 12-63-12. Member Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Member Martinez made a motion to revoke Wilson's peace officer's peace officer's license. Member Armstrong seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Cianni called the meeting adjourned at 12:26 PM.