

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS
AND TRAINING BOARD**

**BCI CONFERENCE ROOM
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
September 13, 2017**

Members Present

John Klug
Sarah Warner
Dan Haugen
Paul Lies
Chad Kaiser
Jesse Jahner

Members Absent

Tom Falck
Lyn James
Scott Thorsteinson

Guests

Kyle Kirchmeier

Legal Counsel

Mike Mahoney

Administrative Staff

Duane Stanley
Monica Sebastian

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Klug at 1:01 p.m. The roll was taken. All members were present except Tom Falck, Lyn James, and Scott Thorsteinson. It should be noted, Sarah Warner, Jesse Jahner, Paul Lies, Chad Kaiser, and John Klug were present via conference call.

Extension of Basic Training

The Morton County Sheriff's Office is asking for an extension of Basic Training for Christopher Tracy to attend the February 5, 2018, academy. Mr. Tracy was scheduled to attend the September 25, 2017, academy along with two other deputies from Morton County. Sheriff Kirchmeier addressed the Board and explained that sending all three deputies to the September 25, 2017, basic training would put a hardship on the agency.

Motion

Chad Kaiser made a motion to grant the extension of basic training for Christopher Tracy to attend the February 5, 2018, basic training academy. Paul Lies seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Review of Internal Investigation

The Dickey County Sheriff's Department sent in an incident report to the ND POST Board Office regarding an investigation of ex –Oakes police officer Joshua Sasse. At the request of Oakes Police Chief Corey Heim, an internal investigation was requested to be conducted by the Dickey County Sheriff's Office regarding the alleged actions of then officer Joshua Sasse.

There were rumors that Officer Joshua Sasse (30 YOA and married) was sending inappropriate Snapchat's, making inappropriate comments and involved in questionable/inappropriate activity with a 16 year old female.

The Snapchat consisted of Mr. Sasse sending a shirtless picture of himself to the minor.

It was also stated in the report that Sasse would drive by the minor's house and at one point was parked outside the minor's house and made the comment through text messaging to the minor to turn her light off so he could see her. Mr. Sasse then shined his flashlight into her bedroom.

There was discussion among the Board members on how disturbing this behavior was and that this individual should not be in law enforcement. The Board agreed that based on the language in the Peace Officer Code of Conduct, there was no violation and no action could be taken.

Executive Session

Chairman John Klug explained to the Board that the next item on the agenda was to be discussed in executive session. Chairman Klug provided the authority for going into executive session by citing N.D.C.C. § 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2.

Motion

Chad Kaiser made a motion to move to executive session. Sarah Warner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Present at the executive session were John Klug, Chad Kaiser, Paul Lies, Dan Haugen, Sarah Warner, Jesse Jahner, Mike Mahoney, Duane Stanley, Monica Sebastian.

Executive Secretary Duane Stanley confirmed with the board member calling in that there were no other individuals present in their respective location that could hear the executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGINS AT 1:20 p.m.

Chad Kaiser made a motion to move to executive session. Sarah Warner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion

Chad Kaiser made a motion to end executive session. Sarah Warner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 1:35 p.m.

Motion

Paul Lies made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chad Kaiser seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.