

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

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

May 24, 2024

Members Present

Adrian Martinez
Matt Oderman
Joe Cianni
Erik Dietrich
Travis Stefonowicz

Members Absent

Lyn James
Jesse Jahner
Roger Hutchinson
Steve Armstrong

Guests

Jason Sundbakken
Michael Nielsen

Legal Counsel

Lori Mickelson

Administrative Staff

Pat Helfrich
Jessica Linder

Chairman Joe Cianni called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Pat Helfrich took the roll. All members were present except Lyn James, Jesse Jahner, Roger Hutchinson and Steve Armstrong. The meeting was via Teams.

Basic Academy Waiver – Minot PD

Minot PD sent a letter to the POST Board asking for a waiver of basic training for Michael Nielsen a new hire on a limited license. Michael Nielsen is scheduled for the academy on June 3, 2024. Captain Jason Sundbakken asked the board for a waiver for the June 3 academy, due to Michael's wife giving birth on May 3, 2024, and they have a 2 year old. This would cause a hardship to Michael and his family. Captain Sundbakken asked the board to grant him a waiver to attend the Fall academy.

Motion

Matt Oderman made a motion to allow Michael Nielsen to attend the fall academy in 2024. Erik Dietrich seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Cianni adjourned the meeting at 10:06 AM