

# Kansas Commission *on* Peace Officers' Standards *and* Training (KS•CPOST)

**Commission Meeting Minutes  
Held at KLETC – 11009 S. Hornet Road  
Hutchinson, KS  
October 23, 2019  
9:00 am**

**Attendees:**

KS•CPOST Members Present	KS•CPOST Staff
Chairman John Whitmer	Gary Steed, Executive Director
Commissioner Tim Bauer	Michelle Meier, Counsel
Commissioner Kelly Herzet	Rose Ann Ohmart, Sr. Admin. Assistant
Commissioner Thomas Hongslo	Matt Deffner, Central Registry Manager
Commissioner Herman Jones	George Brown, Investigator
Commissioner Cole Presley	Bruce Mellor, Investigator
Commissioner Don Scheibler	Michael Oliver, Investigator
Commissioner Gaten Wood	Don Read, Investigator
	<b>KLETC Staff</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	Darin Beck, Executive Director
Commissioner Mark Bundy	Ron Gould, Deputy Executive Director
Commissioner Jeff Herrig	Tim Brant, Associate Director
Commissioner Kirk Thompson	Alvin Sowers, Associate Director

The public KS-CPOST Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Whitmer with a roll call of commissioners in attendance as listed above. KS-CPOST and KLETC staff also in attendance as listed above.

**Approval of minutes**

A motion (2019 M 07) was made by Chairman Whitmer and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2018 commission meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Scheibler made a motion (2019 M 08) to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2019 commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bauer and passed unanimously.

### **KSCPOST Director's Report**

Executive Director Gary Steed presented his report which included KS-CPOST's budget, Central Registry statistics, and case statistics, bringing attention to the increase in officer hearings and complaints. He briefed the commission on the plan to purchase the IA Pro software to better track cases. The commission was also informed of the retention of an attorney by KS-CPOST to assist with the revisions of Kansas Administrative Regulations 106-2-3 Unprofessional conduct, 106-2-4 Good moral character and 106-3-3a Psychological testing after laps in employment.

### **KLETC Director's Report**

Executive Director Darin Beck of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center presented his report on KLETC's strategic plan for 2019 to 2021, personnel changes, the campus expansion master plan, the goal to create academic credit programs relevant to law enforcement and criminal justice, the benefits of the smaller basic training classes, and the new classroom design and technology which allows officers to engage and work in groups in lieu of lectures. He informed the commission of the change to KLETC's mission which now expands into other areas to support criminal justice and law enforcement, such as programs for training jail deputies. Executive Director Beck also spoke of KLETC looking to regionalize training by moving some of the professional development programs to remote locations and of the installation of the Acadis system which not only allows better tracking of training and enrollment but will allow agencies to enroll their students electronically through a portal.

Ron Gould, Deputy Executive Director at KLETC, elaborated on the remote sites KLETC is looking at to regionalize training, those being the City of Hays and Dodge City/Ford County. He also provided information on the upcoming construction and improvements to the KLETC campus, which will include replacement of pavement, redoing the parking lots and repairing surrounding roads.

### **New Business**

Executive Director Steed gave a briefing on the firearms qualification records and the vast number of officers showing unqualified mainly due to the firearms form being filled out incorrectly. He brought up for discussion the U.S. citizenship requirement of a law enforcement officer in the State of Kansas, possible training for commissioners from the Attorney General's office, and the submitting of demographic and status change forms to KS-CPOST on active law enforcement officers hired by other law enforcement agencies and universities to work their events.

The commission made a decision to temporarily postpone filling the vacancy on the KS-CPOST Curriculum Committee and recommended when the replacement is made to be an officer actively involved in the day to day activities of an academy, such as a curriculum director.

KS-CPOST's Chief Counsel Michelle Meier presented to the commission and requested their views on the issue of agencies wanting to arm jail deputies particularly while transporting inmates, and asked for a discussion and their interpretation of "regularly scheduled" as it pertains to the number of hours worked by part-time officers.

Upon motion (2019 M 09) made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Presley, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 pm by a unanimous approval.