PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION

July 14, 2021
8:30 AM

Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission
Remote Participation

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Documents Distributed in Advance of the Meeting:

- Proposed Regulations on Use of Force

In Attendance:

- Chair Margaret R. Hinkle
- Commissioner Hanya H. Bluestone
- Commissioner Lawrence Calderone
- Commissioner Clementina M. Chéry
- Commissioner Larry Ellison
- Commissioner Marsha V. Kazarosian
- Commissioner Charlene D. Luma
- Commissioner Kimberly P. West
- Commissioner Michael Wynn

1. Call to Order
    - The Chair recognized a quorum.
2. Discussion of Proposed Rules and Regulations Under Section 15(d) of Chapter 6E: "The commission and the municipal police training committee established pursuant to section 116 of chapter 6 shall jointly promulgate rules and regulations for the use of force by law enforcement officers consistent with this section and section 14; provided, however, that such regulations may authorize the use of necessary, proportionate and non-deadly force for purposes not explicitly specified in this chapter where de-escalation tactics have been attempted and failed or are not feasible based on the totality of the circumstances."
    - Commissioner Kazarosian explained the differences between this draft and the prior draft. The largest changes came to the use of non-deadly force, but it was in clarifying redundant provisions. Other changes were minor, such as correcting spelling errors.
    - Commissioner West proposed an addition to the definition of "de-escalation tactics" to address concerns regarding traffic violations where use of force may be required. She proposed including "issuing a summons instead of executing an arrest where possible" as a de-escalation tactic.
    - Discussion:
        - Commissioner Calderone asked follow up questions regarding the superseded use of non-deadly force section.

        - Commissioner Bluestone raised a concern regarding the number of different documents circulating. Ms. Lee circulated a consolidated and updated version of the proposed regulations.
    - Chair Hinkle asked for a motion to approve the proposed regulations for proposal to the MPTC.
        - Commissioner Kazarosian moved to approve the proposed regulations.
        - Commissioners Chéry and Luma seconded the motion.
        - The Commissioners had no further discussion regarding the proposed regulations.
        - The Commission unanimously approved the proposed regulations for proposal to the MPTC.
    - Chair Hinkle reiterated that Commissioners Kazarosian, West, and Wynn, have agreed to serve in a reconciliation meetings with MPTC.
    - Mr. Povich presented the next steps in reconciling and approving the proposed regulations with the MPTC.
    - The Commission's next meeting will be on July 22 at 8:30 AM to discuss the proposed regulations after reconciliation meetings with the MPTC.
        - Commissioner Wynn asked about the scheduling of reconciliation meetings with the MPTC. Commissioner West asked to be included in those scheduling conversations with the MPTC.
3. New Business the Chair Did Not Anticipate at the Time of Posting
    - A member of the public asked whether the proposed regulations are available to the public. Ms. Lee informed the public where they could access a copy of the proposed regulations, and provided that the copy would be updated after this meeting.
4. Adjournment
    - Commissioner Calderone moved to adjourn the meeting.
    - Commissioner Ellison seconded the motion.
    - The Commission unanimously voted to adjourn.