



# Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council

## 127<sup>th</sup> Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council Meeting

*June 3, 2021*

New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services  
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**Meeting 127**  
**June 3, 2021**  
**10:00 am**

New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services

## **AGENDA**

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| <b>1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance</b> | <i>Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman</i>              |
| <b>2. Roll Call</b>                           | <i>Accreditation Unit Staff</i>                    |
| <b>3. Introductions</b>                       | <i>Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman</i>              |
| <b>4. Introductory Remarks</b>                | <i>Executive Deputy Commissioner Michael Green</i> |

## **ACTION ITEMS**

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| <b>5. Approval of March 2021 Meeting Minutes</b>       | <i>Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman</i> |
| <b>6. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation</b> | <i>Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman</i> |
| 1. Geneseo Village Police Department                   |                                       |
| 2. Liverpool Village Police Department                 |                                       |
| 3. Monroe Village Police Department                    |                                       |
| 4. New Windsor Town Police Department                  |                                       |
| 5. Riverhead Town Police Department                    |                                       |
| 6. SUNY Albany University Police Department            |                                       |
| 7. SUNY Cobleskill University Police Department        |                                       |
| 8. SUNY Potsdam University Police Department           |                                       |

**7. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys**

*Accreditation Unit Staff*

Amherst Town Police Department, Binghamton City Police Department, Buffalo City Police Department, Cheektowaga Town Police Department, Cicero Town Police Department, Clarkstown Town Police Department, DeWitt Town Police Department, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, East Hampton Town Police Department, East Rochester Village Police Department, Eastchester Town Police Department, Erie County Sheriff's Office, Harrison Town Police Department, Haverstraw Town Police Department, Hudson City Police Department, Huntington Bay Village Police Department, New Rochelle City Police Department, North Syracuse Police Department, Old Westbury Village Police Department, Ontario County Sheriff's Office, Quogue Village Police Department, Ramapo Town Police Department, Rensselaer City Police Department, Rye Brook Village Police Department, Shelter Island Town Police Department, Stony Point Town Police Department, Suffolk County Police Department, SUNY Police Alfred, SUNY Police Buffalo State College, SUNY Police Oneonta, Tioga County Sheriff's Office, Ulster Town Police Department, Woodbury Town Police Department.

**8. Approval of Standard 25.1 revision**

*Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman*

- 1. Standard 25.1 – Internal Affairs Function – Critical Standard

**9. Approval of Standard 32.1 revision**

*Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman*

- 1. Standard 32.1 – Basic Course for Police Officers

**10. Approval of Standard 42.3 revision**

*Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman*

- 1. Standard 42.3 – Seat Belts

**11. Approval of New Assessor**

*Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman*

- 1. Sergeant Joel Thomas – North Castle Town Police Department

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**12. Program Updates**

*Commissioner Green/Accreditation Unit Staff*

- 1. Article VII Legislation
- 2. On-site assessments, field visits and in person training

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

*Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman*

The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on September 2, 2021 at 10:00 am.



**Minutes of the 126<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on March 4, 2021**

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Gregory Austin called the 126<sup>th</sup> meeting of the council to order at 10:00 a.m. on March 4, 2021. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Austin asked for a moment of silence to honor the members of law enforcement and the armed services who have died in the line of duty.

**2. Roll Call**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Chairman, Chief Gregory Austin** - Rye Brook Village Police Department  
**Sergeant Louis Dini** – Suffolk County Police Department, PCNY  
**Sheriff Robert Maciol** – Oneida County Sheriff's Office  
**Supervisor Edmond Theobald** – Town of Manlius  
**Sheriff Barry Virts** – Wayne County Sheriff's Office  
**Robert E. Worden, Ph.D.** – University at Albany  
**Mr. Richard Wells** – Police Conference New York  
**Sheriff Todd Baxter** – Monroe County Sheriff's Office  
**Chief Joseph Sinagra** – Saugerties Town Police Department  
**Sergeant Leighton Filiatrault** – St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office  
**Mayor Robert Palmieri** – City of Utica

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Detective (ret.) Michelle Randall Williams** – New York City Police Department  
**Chief Marvin Flatley** – Southold Town Police Department  
**Acting Superintendent Kevin Bruen**- New York State Police  
**Chief Kenneth Corey** – New York City Police Department

**3. Introductions**

**DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES STAFF**

Executive Deputy Commissioner Michael Green  
Michael Wood, Deputy Commissioner - Office of Public Safety (OPS)  
Johanna Sullivan, Director, OPS  
Todd Murray, OPS  
Gabriele Marruso – OPS Accreditation Unit  
Ashley Onorati - OPS Accreditation Unit  
Kevin Fairchild – OPS Accreditation Unit

Kea Cheever– OPS Accreditation Unit  
Natasha Harvin-Locklear – Office of Legal Services  
Mr. Michael Flaherty, Esq., Office of Legal Services  
Mr. Brian Garvey, Esq., Office of Legal Services

**REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPLICANT AGENCIES:**

**Geneva City Police Department**

Chief Michael J. Passalacqua  
\*Sergeant Nicholas Bielowicz  
Lieutenant Matthew Valenti

**Glens Falls Police Department**

Chief Joseph Boisclair  
\*Sergeant Gerald Willette (tentative)  
Assistant Chief Jarred Smith  
Detective Lt. Seth French  
Detective Sgt. Miguel Chico

**Greene County Sheriff's Office**

Sheriff Peter Kusminsky  
\*Sergeant Shawn Marriott

**MTA Police Department**

Chief Joseph McGrann  
\*Deputy Chief Joseph Martelli  
Sergeant Thomas Farney

**Niagara County Sheriff's Office**

Sheriff Michael J. Filicetti  
\*Captain Robert Richards

**Poughkeepsie Town Police Department**

Chief Kevin Faber  
\*Lieutenant Ralph Cropley

**Seneca County Sheriff's Office**

Sheriff W. Timothy Luce  
\*Deputy James Picchi

**SUNY Police Cortland**

Chief Mark DePaull  
\*Lieutenant Francis Cullen

\*Denotes Agency Program Manager in Attendance

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4. Ratify September 2020 Meeting Action Items**

- a. Approval of Annual Compliance Survey
  - i. Manlius Town Police Department

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept the annual compliance survey and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

*Motion carried – 10 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstain*

### **5. Ratify December 2020 Meeting Action Items**

- b. Approval of Application for Reaccreditation
  - i. Kingston City Police Department

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to accredit the agency and Mayor Palmieri seconded the motion.

*Motion carried – 10 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstain*

- ii. Rye Brook Village Police Department

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to accredit the agency and Chief Sinagra seconded the motion.

*Motion carried – 10 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstain*

- iii. Suffolk County Police Department

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accredit the agency and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

*Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay, 2 abstain*

- iv. Troy City Police Department

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to accredit the agency and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

*Motion carried – 10 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstain*

### **6. Approval of December 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Sheriff Virts made a motion to accredit the agency and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

*Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay*

### **7. Approval of Applications for Initial Accreditation**

#### **Greene County Sheriff's Office**

Sheriff Virts made a motion to accredit the agency and Sheriff Maciol seconded the motion.

*Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay*

### **8. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation**

#### **Geneva City Police Department**

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to accredit the agency and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

*Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay*

### **Glens Fall City Police Department**

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to accredit the agency and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

*Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay*

### **MTA Police Department**

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to accredit the agency and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

*Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay*

### **Niagara County Sheriff's Office**

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accredit the agency and Sheriff Virts seconded the motion.

*Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay*

### **Poughkeepsie Town Police Department**

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to accredit the agency and Chief Sinagra seconded the motion.

*Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay*

### **Seneca County Sheriff's Office**

Sheriff Virts made a motion to accredit the agency and Sheriff Maciol seconded the motion.

*Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay*

### **SUNY Police Cortland**

Mr. Wells made a motion to accredit the agency and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

*Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay*

***At 10:40 am, Chairman Austin announced that there would be a break in the meeting so visitors would have an opportunity to excuse themselves if necessary. The meeting reconvened at 10:45 am.***

## **9. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys**

Albany County Sheriff's Office, Camillus Town Police Department, Canandaigua City Police Department, Catskill Village Police Department, Chemung County Sheriff's Office, Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Dobbs Ferry Village Police Department, East Fishkill Town Police Department, East Hampton Village Police Department, Gates Town Police Department, Greece Town Police Department, Greenburgh Town Police Department, Hudson Falls Village Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Mount Vernon City Police Department, New Castle Town Police Department, New Paltz Town Police Department New York State Police, Orangetown Town Police Department, Rochester City Police Department, Rockland County Sheriff's Office, Rockville Centre Village Police Department, Solvay Village Police Department, SUNY Police Fredonia, SUNY Police Geneseo, SUNY Police New Paltz, Washington County Sheriff's Office, Webster Town Police Department, White Plains Dept. of Public Safety

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

*Motion carried - 10 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstain*

## **10. Approval of New Assessors**

1. Assistant Chief (ret.) Daniel P. Flanagan Jr. – Nassau County Police Department
2. Chief (ret.) Marvin J. Fisher – SUNY Farmingdale University Police Department

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

*Motion carried - 10 ayes, 0 nay*



## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **11. Program Updates**

#### **Article VII Legislation:**

Commissioner Green updated the council on the article 7 proposals in the new budget plan proposed by Governor Cuomo. The first relevant proposal is in regard to uniform hiring and training standards. This proposal requires the MPTC to establish mandatory minimum hiring standards. These mandatory items would include criminal history, background checks, medical checks, and physical and mental health exams. This would also require the LEAP council to issue certificates of compliance certifying that the agencies are in compliance with hiring requirements and reporting requirements to the DCJS police/peace registry. If an agency does not obtain a certification their officers would no longer qualify as police officers and will not have police powers.

An additional proposal would be to require agencies to give a conduct-based reason for decertification of an officer which will be noted on their records to prevent officer from obtaining a new certificate under a different agency.

A restructure to the seating members of the MPTC and the LEAP council was also proposed. It would include that the superintendent of the State Police being included as a required member on the MPTC and a chief of an agency of over 100 officers, a sheriff from an agency with over 100 sheriff's deputies, a representative for crime victims, and a representative for a community voice would be included on both MPTC and LEAP councils.

#### **Council Members Appointments:**

Mr. Marruso updated the council of 5 new members, 2 reappointments and the appointment of Chief Austin to Chairman of the council. The new members are Chief Joseph Sinagara, Chief Marvin Flatley, Sheriff Todd Baxter, Sergeant Leighton Filiatrault, and Detective (ret) Michelle Randall Williams. Sheriff Virts and Sheriff Maciol were both reappointed to their position.

#### **Remote Delivery of Program Manager and Assessor Trainings:**

Mr. Marruso informed the council that the accreditation unit has conducted another program manager and assessor training. Due to the number of registrants for the program manager training the accreditation unit has created 2 additional program manager trainings in March.

#### **Agency Withdrawal – SUNY Oswego University Police Department:**

Mr. Marruso informed the council that SUNY Oswego has withdrawn from the program. They stated that due to budgetary issues they were unable to stay in compliance with the program. They have shown extreme interest in becoming accredited again at a later date.

#### **Removal of Reference to Civil Rights Law § 50-a in Standard 25.1:**

Mr. Marruso informed the council that civil rights law 50-a will not be reinstated and reference to it will be removed from standard 25.1.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

There being no other business, Mayor Palmieri made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheriff Maciol seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

**The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on June 3, 2021 at 10:00 am.**