

POST COUNCIL MEETING

March 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Public Safety Education & Training Center
410 West 9800 South 3rd Floor Council Room
Sandy, UT 84070

Agenda

- ❖ Welcome: Chairman Kelly Sparks 00:00 – 01:19
- ❖ Approval of December 9, 2024 Minutes: Chairman Kelly Sparks
01:19 – 01:47
- ❖ Quarterly & Yearly Reports: Cpt. Christian Newlin & Lt. Terry Buck
01:48 – 06:10
- ❖ 2024-2025 Quarter Four Curriculum Update: John Jacobs 06:11 – 11:51
 - Special Functions Officer/Law Enforcement Officer
- ❖ Disciplinary Cases: Attorney Marcus Yockey 11:51 – 2:54:05
 - Joshua Althoff 11:57 – 16:32
 - Brent Butler 16:34 – 26:18
 - Mitchell Cardona 26:20 – 32:42
 - Shaun Comsa 32:48 – 41:31
 - Coree Crump 41:33 – 46:28
 - Craig Dean 46:31 – 51:21
 - Brian Decker 51:27 – 54:47/1:18:56 – 1:21:43
 - Nolan Freestone 54:88 – 1:00:23
 - Brandon Fullmer 1:00:26 – 1:09:01
 - Kievah Hansen 1:09:05 – 1:18:44
 - Mitchell Harding 1:21:52 – 1:24:47
 - Cole Henson 1:24:50 – 1:27:27
 - Emily Jewett 1:27:30 – 1:29:46
 - Chance Kirkham 1:29:50 – 1:37:08
 - Randy Linke 1:37:13 – 1:46:05
 - Zachary Loveday 1:46:32 – 1:49:28
 - Steven Luke Merkley 1:49:35 – 1:51:52
 - Jason Nordstrom 1:51:56 – 1:55:41
 - Gregory O'Hagan 1:55:49 – 1:58:55
 - Brad Pitkin 1:58:59 – 2:02:44
 - Rebecca Robinson 2:02:52 – 2:05:09
 - Vanessa Scow 2:05:19 – 2:28:20
 - Larry Teuscher 2:28:28 – 2:32:51/2:33:29 – 2:34:43

- Garrett Tremea 2:32:52 – 2:33:13/2:34:47 – 2:38:57
- Marco Yovera 2:39:07 – 2:53:35

❖ Review Model Sexual Assault Investigations Policy: Major Travis Rees
2:54:05 – 2:56:16

❖ Schedule Next Meeting: Major Travis Rees **06/24/25 @ 10:00am POST HQ**
2:56:16 – 2:58:48

❖ Adjourn 2:58:50 – 2:58:54

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Attendance Roster

The following POST Council members were in attendance:

Sheriff Kelly Sparks, Chairman, Davis County Sheriff's Office
Chief Allen Swanson, Vice Chairman, Layton City Police Department
Stewart Young, Representing Utah Attorney General
Major Jeff Nigbur, Proxy for Colonel Mike Rapich, Superintendent, Utah Highway Patrol
Jared Garcia, Executive Director, Utah Department of Corrections
Chief Brian Gwilliam, Utah Chiefs of Police Association
Maile Loo, At Large
Sheriff Paul Wimmer, Utah Sheriffs Association
Jeanetta Williams, At Large
Chief Darin Adams, Cedar City Police Department
John Crowley, UPOA Representative
Mayor Troy Walker, Incumbent Mayor (attended electronically)

The following POST Council members were excused or absent:

Molly Sween, PhD. Weber State University
Sheriff Nathan Curtis, Sevier County Sheriff's Office
Chief Brian Gwilliam, Utah Chiefs of Police Association

POST staff present:

Travis Rees, Director
Christian Newlin, Deputy Director
Marcus Yockey, DPS Legal Counsel representing POST, Asst. Attorney General
Richard Jorgensen, DPS Legal Counsel representing POST Council, Asst. Attorney General
Julie Gomez, Administrative Secretary
Terry Buck, Basic Training
Dave Barnett, Investigations
James Timpson, Investigations
Austin O'Bray, Investigations
Dan Young, Investigations
Jonathon Boyd, Investigations
Reed Motzkus, Investigations
John Jacobs, POST Technology and Curriculum
Camille Zabriskie, Investigations Technician
Chris Fielding, POST Technology and Curriculum
Chelsi Nielsen, POST Curriculum
Katie Colton, POST Curriculum

Others present:

Chief Lance Haight
Larry Teuscher

Jeremy Dias
Evy Kittredge
Jason Nordstrom
Marco Yovera
Greg Skordas
Randy Linke
Kelli Linke
Garett Tremea
Bailey Tremea
Mitchell Cardona
Craig Dean
Jasmine Loveless
Joshua Althoff
JC Jensen
Jason Sweat
Brian Decker
Kieva Hansen
Chance Kirkham
David Peterson
Zachary Loveday
Josh Gard
Brent Butler
Sheriff Arbon
Nolan Freestone
Shaun Comsa
Brandon Fullmer
Coree Crump
Emily Jewett
Allen Jewett
Brad Pitkin
Vanessa Scow
Scott Lauritzen
Gregory O'Hagan

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Actions and Voting

Approval of December 9, 2024 Minutes:

John Crowley: Motion to approve

Darin Adams: 2nd

All PC members in attendance were in favor

Disciplinary Cases:

Joshua Althoff (Joshua addressed the Council.)

Jared Garcia: Motion to accept POST's recommendation

Darin Adams: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Brent Butler (Brent addressed the Council. His attorney Jason Sweat was present.)

John Crowley: Motion to reject POST recommendation and instead issue a letter of caution

Allen Swanson: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Mitchell Cardona (Mitchell addressed the Council. His attorney Jason Sweat was present.)

John Crowley: Motion to accept POST's recommendation

Paul Wimmer: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Shaun Comsa (Shaun addressed the Council.)

Darin Adams: Motion to accept POST recommendation

Allen Swanson: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Coree Crump (Coree addressed the Council.)

Jared Garcia: Motion to accept POST recommendation

David Petersen: 2nd

All PC members in attendance were in favor

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Craig Dean (Craig addressed the Council along with his attorney Jason Sweat.)

Paul Wimmer: Motion to reject POST recommendation and instead issue a letter of caution

John Crowley: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor except for Jared Garcia who recused himself

Brian Decker (Brian addressed the Council.)

Paul Wimmer: Motion to accept POST recommendation with suspension starting today

David Petersen: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Paul Wimmer: Motion to revisit Brian Decker's case

Allen Swanson: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Paul Wimmer: Motion to accept POST recommendation with suspension starting June 6, 2024

Stewart Young: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Nolan Freestone (Nolan was present.)

Jared Garcia: Motion to accept POST recommendation

Stewart Young: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor except for John Crowley who recused himself

Brandon Fullmer (Brandon addressed the Council.)

Allen Swanson: Motion to accept POST recommendation

David Petersen: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Kievah Hansen (Kievah addressed the Council.)

Allen Swanson: Motion to accept POST recommendation

Darin Adams: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Mitchell Harding

Stewart Young: Motion to accept POST recommendation

Darin Adams: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Cole Henson

Darin Adams: Motion to accept POST recommendation

John Crowley: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Emily Jewett (Emily addressed the Council.)

John Crowley: Motion to accept POST recommendation

Stewart Young: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

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Chance Kirkham (addressed the Council along with his atty JC Jensen)

John Crowley: Motion to accept POST recommendation

Jeff Nigbur: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Randy Linke (addressed the Council)

John Crowley: Motion to reject POST recommendation and instead issue a 3-year suspension

Allen Swanson: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor with the exception of Jared Garcia and Jeff Nigbur who recused themselves

****Council member Troy Walker left the meeting and did not vote on any actions after this point.**

Zachary Loveday (addressed the Council)

Jared Garcia: Motion to accept POST recommendation

Paul Wimmer: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Steven Luke Merkley (atty Jason Sweat addressed the Council)

Darin Adams: Motion to accept POST recommendation

Stewart Young: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Jason Nordstrom (addressed the Council)

John Crowley: Motion to accept POST recommendation

Jeff Nigbur: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Gregory O'Hagan (addressed the Council along with his atty Jason Sweat)

David Petersen: Motion to accept POST recommendation

Stewart Young: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor with the exception of Paul Wimmer who recused himself

Brad Pitkin (addressed the Council)

Allen Swanson: Motion to accept POST recommendation

John Crowley: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Rebecca Robinson

Jared Garcia: Motion to accept POST recommendation

Darin Adams: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor with the exception of John Crowley who recused himself

Vanessa Scow (addressed the Council along with her atty Jason Sweat)

Paul Wimmer: Motion to accept POST recommendation

Stewart Young: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

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Larry Teuscher (addressed the Council along with his atty Jason Sweat)

Allen Swanson: Motion to reject POST recommendation and instead issue a 3-month suspension

John Crowley: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Garett Tremea (addressed the Council)

Jared Garcia: Motion to accept POST recommendation

John Crowley: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor with the exception of Kelly Sparks who recused himself

Marco Yovera

John Crowley: Motion to reject POST recommendation and instead issue a 3-month suspension

Maile Loo: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Review Model Sexual Assault Investigations Policy:

Allen Swanson: Motion to accept the policy as presented

Darin Adams: 2nd

All PC members in attendance voted in favor

Schedule next meeting: June 24, 2025 at 10:00 am at POST

Pending POST Council Approval