

OPEN MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND CERTIFIED CONSTABLE'S BOARD

DATE: June 5, 2023

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Department of Business Regulation
1511 Pontiac Ave., Cranston

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Murray Gereboff, Esq., Chair
Bruce R. Thibodeau, Esq
Kenneth K. Norigian

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Vacant Attorney Seat
Vacant Constable Seat

DBR STAFF PRESENT: Sara Tindall-Woodman, Deputy Chief of Legal Services
Don DeFedele, Associate Director, Commercial Licensing and Securities
Joshua Nault, Legal Counsel

The first order of business was to **CONVENE MEETING**. Board Chair Murray Gereboff, Esq., called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

The second order of business was **ROLL CALL**. Board Chair Murray Gereboff, Esq., Board Member Bruce R. Thibodeau, Esq., Board Member Kenneth K. Norigian were present. There is a quorum for this meeting.

The third order of business was **VOTE TO APPROVE THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES** (Review/Discuss/Take Action) from the April 24, 2023, meeting.

Upon motion made by Board Member Bruce R. Thibodeau, Esq., and duly seconded by Board Member Kenneth K. Norigian, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Open Session minutes from April 24, 2023.

The fourth order of business was **OLD BUSINESS** (Review/Discuss/Take Action)

- a. Bulletin for a guideline for the Training of Constables. Discussion ensued. Sara Tindall-Woodman has draft that the Department will send to Board Member Kenneth K. Norigian to review and contribute information has needed and will report back next meeting. This agenda matter will continue at next meeting.

The fifth order of business was **NEW BUSINESS** (Review/Discuss/Take Action)

- a. Discussion on the State taking over Continuing Education for Constables. Discussion ensued. Don DeFedele, Associate Director, Commercial Licensing and Securities, reported to the Board, that he tried to find some kind of federal or other state training requirements for constables, and he did not find a school or agency that would work for the type of training we need. As in other areas that the Division licenses, we would license the school and its courses, nothing like that was found for the constable field. It would be best to continue the way the associations have been doing the training and the Department will help contribute in any way it can by supplying speakers and training ideas such as how the Department handles complaints, licensing issues, etc.

- b. Eric Bogosian. Reassign new training constable. Discussion ensued. Applicant requesting a new trainer to continue training because his previous trainer can not continue due to health issues. Department received updated documents and new training letter.

Upon motion made by Board Member Kenneth K. Norigian, and duly seconded by Board Member Bruce R. Thibodeau, Esq., it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the continued training of Eric Bogosian with new trainer.

The sixth order of business was **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**
{Reporter's Notes: No public comments}

The seventh order of business was **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**
(Review/Discuss/Take Action)

Upon motion made by Board Member Bruce R. Thibodeau, Esq., and duly seconded by Board Member Kenneth K. Norigian, it was unanimously

- VOTED: To convene into Executive Session at 2:15 p.m., pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1) & (4); to wit:
- i. Approve minutes of the Executive Session held on April 24, 2023,
 - ii. Update/Review/Take Action on six (6) complaint matters,
 - iii. Any new business to be added to the next meeting's executive session.

At approximately 2:58 p.m., per motion held in executive session, the Board returned to Open Session.

{Reporter's Notes: Board realized they missed a vote regarding one of the complaints in executive session. Therefore, Upon motion made by Board Member Bruce R. Thibodeau, Esq., and duly seconded by Board Member Kenneth K. Norigian, it was unanimously

- VOTED: To convene back into Executive Session at 2:58 p.m., pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1) & (4); to wit:
- i. Update/Review/Take Action on the one (1) complaint missing a vote.

At approximately 3:01 p.m., per motion held in executive session, the Board returned once again to Open Session.

The eighth order of business was a **MOTION TO SEAL MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD ON June 5, 2023.**

Upon motion made by Board Member Bruce R. Thibodeau, Esq., and duly seconded by Board Member Kenneth K. Norigian, it was unanimously

VOTED: To seal the minutes of the Executive Session held on June 5, 2023.

The ninth order of business was **REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

By unanimous vote, the Board approved the Minutes from the Executive Session held on April 24, 2023; the Board discussed and made recommendations to the Department on six (6) complaint matters.

The tenth order of business was **ANY NEW BUSINESS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING.** Continued discussion on standardize training manual.

The eleventh order of business was **NEXT MEETING DATE.** The next meeting will be rescheduled to August 21, 2023.

The last order of business was **ADJOURNMENT** at approximately 3:06 p.m., upon motion made by Board Member Kenneth K. Norigian, and duly seconded by Board Chair Murray Gereboff, Esq., it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Precious
Chief Implementation Aide