

Minutes of the meeting of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees held at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in the Brian MacMaster Board Room on **Wednesday August 27, 2025**.

**Board Members Attending:**

Chief Charles Rumsey IV – Chair  
Deputy Chief David Bushey – Vice Chair  
Dep. Commissioner Derek Gorneau  
Commissioner Randall Liberty  
Ms. Elizabeth Ward Saxl  
Dr. Michael Kamorski  
DA Kathryn Slattery  
Det. Seth Blodgett  
Mr. Mateo Mendoza  
Colonel Dan Scott  
Capt. Jeffrey Love  
Ms. Francine Stark  
Officer Matthew Dana

**Board Members Excused:**

Major Jason King  
Sheriff Scott Nichols  
Mr. Eric Dos Santos  
Mr. Thomas DiTomasso

**Participants:**

Director Lincoln Ryder  
Assistant Director Josh Daley  
AAG Kathryn Horst  
Cassandra Pierce, Asst. Board Clerk

**Guests:** None

**I. Item One on the Agenda: Call to Order**

Chair Rumsey called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**II. Item Two on the Agenda: Roll Call**

Chair Rumsey requested that the roll call be conducted, stated there was a quorum and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Item Three on the Agenda: Rulemaking Public Hearing**

Chair Rumsey stated that this part of the meeting would be a public hearing for Rulemaking on Chapters 3: Entrance Standards and Chapter 5: Training Standards. After being informed by Director Ryder that there was no one from the public in attendance to offer testimony, he started the process as required. He started with Chapter 3: Entrance Standards at 9:10 a.m. and ended at 9:12 a.m. He continued with Chapter 5: Training Standards at 9:12 a.m. and ended at 9:14 a.m.. He then closed the hearing.

Director Ryder then explained the process moving on from this hearing up to when he would submit the final packet to the Secretary of State's Office, the Board of Commissions, Elections and Corporations, and 7 days after that filing, the rule would be in effect.

Chair Rumsey requested that they take New Business out of order.

**V. Item Five on the Agenda: New Business**

A. Request for Correction Certification Exam Retest Waiver  
1. CO Abdullah Baher, Kennebec County Jail

Director Ryder gave an overview of the request submitted by Kennebec County Jail's Administrator, Capt. Byran Slaney, and explained that the Board would need to vote on whether to approve or deny the extra retake of the BCTP final exam.

**MOTION: To approve the request from Kennebec County Jail to allow CO Baher an extra retake of the BCTP final exam.**

Motion made by Commissioner Sauschuck and seconded by Mr. Mendoza.

**Motion Carried.**

**IV. Item For on the Agenda: Certifications, Waivers and Extensions:**

A. Course Certification Requests  
1. MOI Lesson Plans  
a. MOI I Orientation  
b. Lessen Plan Development  
c. Techniques of Public Speaking  
d. The Interactive Classroom

Director Ryder explained the new lesson plans that would be taught in week one of the new MOI class and reviewed why changes were being made to the format of the program.

**MOTION: To approve the MOI Lesson Plans as presented by Director Ryder.**

Motion made by Commissioner Liberty and seconded by Ms. Ward Saxl

**Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Liberty requested an update on how the 48<sup>th</sup> Basic Law Enforcement Training Program that started on August 18th was progressing. Assistant Director Daley stated that it was going well and although they lost 8 cadets, they were able to fill most of those slots and ended up with 81 cadets in the class. He said that as of today there were 26 names on the list to attend the 49<sup>th</sup> BLETP in January 2026.

**VI. Item Six on the Agenda: Adjournment**

Chair Rumsey called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION: To adjourn the August 27, 2025 Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees Meeting at 9:44 a.m.**

Motion made by Ms. Ward Saxl and seconded by Chair Rumsey.

**Motion Carried.**

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Mr. Matco Mendoza