

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 DiTomaso

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. Lesson 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 48th 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 49th 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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