

**State of Maine
Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees**

**Complaint Review Committee
Minutes of February 16, 2023 Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Charles J. Rumsey, IV, Cumberland Police Department, CRC Chair
Detective Seth Blodgett, Office of the Attorney General
Kimberly Russell, Citizen Member
Francine Stark, Citizen Member
Dr. Marie Hansen, Husson University, Educator Member (arrived at 9:30)

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Black, AAG, Legal Counsel
Jack Peck, Assistant Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rumsey called the meeting to order at 0904.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The proposed minutes for the CRC Meeting of December 20, 2022, were reviewed and on motion by Stark seconded by Blodgett were approved by a vote of 4 in favor and none opposed.

INFORMAL CONFERENCES

On a motion by Stark second by Blodgett, the CRC voted unanimously to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(F) for the purpose of discussing information pertaining to allegations of certificate holder misconduct, which information and records are expressly made confidential under 25 M.R.S. § 2806-A(10).

The CRC went into executive session at 0906 and held informal conferences in the following cases:

- Case No. 2022-045
- Case No. 2022-033
- Case No. 2022-042
- Case No. 2023-002

Following a recess for lunch, the CRC held an informal conference in the following case:

- Case No. 2023-004

The CRC then discussed open cases.

The CRC came out of executive session at 1344 on case recommendations.

CASE RECOMMENDATIONS

Case No. 2022-045 On a motion by Stark seconded by Blodgett, the CRC voted 4-0 (with Hansen abstaining) to dismiss this request for a waiver to enter the BLETP as being unnecessary because the purported conduct for which the waiver was requested did not constitute a crime which would require a waiver.

Case No. 2022-039 On a motion by Hansen seconded by Russell, the CRC voted 5-0 to present this case to the Board and recommend that it issue a letter of revocation with an opportunity to request a hearing to this corrections officer for engaging in conduct constituting the Class D crime of domestic violence assault under 17-A M.R.S. § 207-A(1)(A), which is a basis for imposing discipline pursuant to 25 M.R.S. § 2806-A(5)(F).

Case No. 2022-042 On a motion by Hansen seconded by Blodgett, the CRC voted 5-0 to present this case to the Board and recommend that it grant a waiver to this candidate for the BCTP for a 2015 conviction of the Class D crime of allowing a minor to possess or consume liquor under 28-A M.R.S. § 2081(1)(B)(1).

Case Nos. 2022-044 On a motion by Stark seconded by Hansen, the CRC voted 5-0 to present this case to the Board and recommend that it issue a letter of revocation with an opportunity to request a hearing to this corrections officer for engaging in conduct constituting the Class D crime of assault under 17-A M.R.S. § 207(1)(A), which is a basis for imposing discipline pursuant to 25 M.R.S. § 2806-A(5)(F).

Case No. 2023-001 On a motion by Stark seconded by Blodgett, the CRC voted 5-0 to present this case to the Board and recommend that it issue a letter of revocation with an opportunity to request a hearing to this full-time law enforcement officer for engaging in conduct constituting the Class C crime of possession of sexually explicit material of a minor under 17-A M.R.S. § 284(1)(C), which is a basis for imposing discipline pursuant to 25 M.R.S. § 2806-A(5)(F).

Case No. 2023-002 On a motion by Stark seconded by Hansen, the CRC voted 5-0 to present this case to the Board and recommend that it grant a waiver to this candidate for the BLETP for a 2012 criminal conviction for the Class D crime of reckless conduct under 17-A M.R.S. § 211(1) and issue a letter of guidance underscoring the importance of a LEO to adhere to the law as an example for the public.

Case No. 2023-004 On a motion by Hansen seconded by Russell, the CRC voted 5-0 to present this case to the Board and recommend that the Board deny the request for a waiver to attend the BLETP. At issue was multiple recent instances of possession of scheduled drugs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1351, CRC Member Russell departed and on a motion by Stark second by Blodgett, the CRC voted unanimously to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(F) for the purpose of discussing information pertaining to allegations of certificate holder misconduct, which information and records are expressly made confidential under 25 M.R.S. § 2806-A(10).

The CRC continued to discuss open cases.

The CRC came out of executive session at 1416 and voted on a further case recommendation.

CASE RECOMMENDATION

Case No. 2023-003 On a motion by Blodgett seconded by Rumsey, the CRC voted 4-0 to present this case to the Board and recommend that it offer a consent agreement to this full-time law enforcement officer. The proposed consent agreement would impose a revocation for engaging in conduct constituting the Class D crime of assault under 17-A M.R.S. § 207(1)(A), which is a basis for imposing discipline pursuant to 25 M.R.S. § 2806-A(5)(F).

ADJOURN

There being no further business, on a motion by Blodgett seconded by Stark, the CRC voted 4-0 to adjourned at 1418.