

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 **Friday, September 12, 2025.**

**Board Members Attending:**

Chief Charles Rumsey IV – Chair  
Deputy Chief David Bushey – Vice Chair  
Asst. to the Commissioner Derek Gorneau  
(Representing Commissioner Michael Sauschuck)  
Mr. Kevin Kidd (Representing Commissioner Randall Liberty)  
Lt. Dan Menard (Representing Colonel Dan Scott)  
Lt. Colonel Brian Scott (Representing Colonel Ross)  
Sheriff Scott Nichols  
Director Anna Love  
Mr. Mateo Mendoza  
Major Jason King  
Dr. Michael Kamorski  
Mr. Eric Dos Santos

**Board Members Excused:**

DA Kathryn Slattery  
Ms. Francine Stark  
Mr. Thomas DiTomasso  
Officer Matthew Dana  
Ms. Ward Saxl

**Participantes:**

Director Lincoln Ryder  
Assistant Director Joshua Daley  
AAG Kathryn Horst  
Karen Green, Board Clerk  
Cassandra Pierce, Asst. Board Clerk

**Guests:**

Rosalie Morin – Mountain View Correctional Facility  
Jared Grinnell – Dexter Police Department  
Chief Kevin Wintle – Dexter Police Department  
Allen Drew – Dexter Police Department  
Gary Morin – Dexter Police Department

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

Chair Rumsey called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

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

Chair Rumsey requested introductions be made, as there were new people at the table representing excused members and guests in attendance. He then requested to take a couple of items out of order to accommodate the guests at the meeting.

**V1. Item Six of the Agenda: Committee Reports**

**D. Corrections Training Committee**

1. Recommendations for 2026 Corrections Mandatory Training – Ms. Rosalie Morin

Ms. Morin told the Board that the Corrections Advisory Committee met last month and would like to recommend the following topics for the 2026 Mandatory Training for Correctional Officers.

- a. New Law Updates-material to be provided by the Attorney General's Office if no new laws, then a relevant case review
- b. Elective on de-escalation
- c. Corrections Law (use current BCTP curriculum)
- d. Professional Boundaries
- e. Report Writing

**MOTION: To accept the recommended 2026 Correction Officer Mandatory Training topics as presented by Ms. Morin.**

Motion made by Director Love and seconded by Major King.  
**Motion Carried.**

V. **Item Five on the Agenda: Certifications, Waivers and Extensions**

F. **Part-time Law Enforcement Officer 1040 Hour Extension Requests**

Chief Wintle of the Dexter Police Department spoke on their request for 180-day extension for Officer Jared Grinnell, so he could attend the January 2026 BLETP.

3. Officer Jared Grinnell – Dexter Police Department.

**MOTION: To approve the request for an 180-day extension so Officer Grinnell can attend the January 2026 BLETP.**

Motion made by Dr. Kamorski and seconded by Director Love.  
**Motion Carried with 1 opposed.**

III. **Item Three on the Agenda: Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**MOTION: To accept the minutes of the July 11, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting and to have it placed on file with the secretary.**

Motion made by Director Love and seconded by Deputy Chief Bushey.  
**Motion Carried.**

**MOTION: To accept the minutes of the August 27, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting and to have it placed on file with the secretary.**

Motion made by Mr. Mendoza and seconded by Deputy Chief Bushey.  
**Motion Carried.**

**IV. Item Four on the Agenda: Complaint Review Committee Cases**

Chair Rumsey requested a motion to move the Board of Trustees into Executive Session.

**MOTION: To move the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Board of Trustees into Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 MRS§ 2806-A (10) to discuss confidential business matters.**

Motion made by Mr. Mendoza and seconded by Director Love.

**Motion Carried Unanimously at 9:24 a.m.** The meeting was reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

1. Board Case 2025-052

**MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee to grant the waiver to attend the BLETP**

Motion made by Lt. Colonel Scott and seconded by Mr. Mendoza

**Motion Carried.**

2. Board Case 2025-059

**MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee to grant the waiver to attend the BLETP.**

Motion made by Mr. Mendoza and seconded by Director Love.

**Motion Carried.**

3. Board Case 2025-047

**MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee to deny reinstatement of the Law Enforcement Officer's Certification.**

Motion made by Major King and seconded by Sheriff Nichols. **Motion Carried.**

4. Board Case 2023-005

**MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee to take no further action based on there being no disciplinary conduct.**

Motion made by Mr. Mendoza and seconded by Major King.

**Motion Carried with 1 opposed and Director Love abstaining from the vote .**

5. Board Case 2025-036

**MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee to grant the waiver to reinstate the officer's Law Enforcement Certification.**

Motion made by Major King and seconded by Dr. Kamorski.

**Motion Carried by a vote of 6 for reinstatement and 4 to deny reinstatement.**

6. Board Case 2025-035

**MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee to revoke the officer's Law Enforcement Certification.**

Motion made by Lt. Colonel Scott and seconded by Dr. Kamorski. **Motion Carried.**

7. Board Case 2025-023

**MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee to grant the waiver to attend any MCJA program including the BLETP.**

Motion made by Major King and seconded by Asst. Commissioner Gorneau.  
**Motion Carried.**

8. Board Case 2025-006

**MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee for the Board Chair to issue a letter of dismissal with no further action and the Director communicate the action of the Board to the complainant.**

Motion made by Lt. Colonel Scott and seconded by Mr. Mendoza.

**Motion Carried with Director Love Abstaining from the vote.**

9. Board Case 2025-041

**MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee to decline modifying the existing consent agreement.**

Motion made by Sheriff Nichols and seconded by Mr. Mendoza. **Motion Carried.**

10. Board Case 2025-042

**MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee for the Board Chair to issue a letter dismissing the complaint, with no further action and for the Director to communicate the Board's decision to the complainant.**

Motion made by Major King and seconded by Dr. Kamorski. **Motion Carried.**

11. Board Case 2025-043

**MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee for the Board Chair to issue a letter dismissing the complaint, with no further action and for the Director to communicate the Board's decision to the complainant.**

Motion made by Lt. Colonel Scott and seconded by Mr. Mendoza. **Motion Carried.**

12. Board Case 2024-082

**MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee to issue a letter of guidance to the Certificate holder.**

Motion made by Asst. Commissioner Gorneau and seconded by Director Love.

**Motion Carried with 1 opposed and with Mr. Kidd and Mr. Mendoza abstaining from the vote.**

13. Board Case 2025-038

**MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee to take no further action due to no evidence of disciplinary conduct.**

Motion made by Deputy Chief Bushey and seconded by Major King. **Motion Carried.**

14. Board Case 2025-0027

**MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee to take no further action due to no evidence of disciplinary conduct.**

Motion made by Deputy Chief Bushey and seconded by Dr. Kamorski.

**Motion Carried with Mr. Mendoza Abstaining from the vote.**

15. Board Case 2025-018

**MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the Complaint Review Committee to take no further action and to authorize the Director to communicate the Board's decision to the complainant.**

Motion made by Dr. Kamorski and seconded by Director Love. **Motion Carried.**

Chair Rumsey requested the Board take a short break at 10:58 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:10 a.m.

**V. Item Five on the Agenda: Certifications, Waivers and Extensions**

**A. Basic Law Enforcement Training Program Waiver Requests:**

Director Ryder presented the following Basic Law Enforcement Training Program Waiver Requests.

1. Dominic Chasse – Auburn Police Department

**MOTION: To approve the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program Waiver pending successful completion of EVOC, Maine Crash Reporting and Investigation, successful completion of the Auburn Police Department's Field Training Program and the Maine Full-time Law Enforcement Certification Examination by 7/11/2026.**

Moved by Dr. Kamorski and seconded by Director Love. **Motion Carried.**

2. Brandon Maciuba – Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

**MOTION: To approve the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program Waiver pending successful completion of EVOC, Maine Crash Reporting and Investigation, successful completion of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Field Training Program, and the Maine Full-time Law Enforcement Certification examination by 7/11/2026.**

Moved by Major King and seconded by Dr. Kamorski. **Motion Carried.**

3. Ryan Robles – Rockland Police Department

**MOTION: To approve the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program Waiver pending successful completion of EVOC, Maine Crash Reporting and Investigation, and the Maine Full-time Law Enforcement Certification Examination by 6/23/2026.**

Moved by Lt. Colonel Scott and seconded by Director Love. **Motion Carried.**

4. Christie Scribner – Hancock County Sheriff's Office

**MOTION: To approve the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program Waiver pending successful completion of EVOC, Maine Crash Reporting and Investigation and the Maine Full-time Law Enforcement Certification Examination by 7/19/2026.**

Moved by Director Love and seconded by Major King. **Motion Carried.**

5. Elijah Stone – Waldo County Sheriff's Office

**MOTION: To approve the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program Waiver pending successful completion of EVOC, Maine Crash Reporting and Investigation, Waldo County Sheriff's Office Field Training Program and the Maine Full-time Law Enforcement Certification Examination by 6/23/2026.**

Moved by Mr. Kidd and seconded by Lt. Colonel Scott. **Motion Carried.**

**B. Basic Law Enforcement Training Program 180-Day Extension Requests.**

Director Ryder presented the following Basic Law Enforcement Training Program Waiver Requests.

1. Matthew Wells – Damariscotta Police Department

**MOTION: To approve the 180-day Basic Law Enforcement Training Program waiver extension so he may attend the 49th BLETP.**

Moved by Major King and seconded by Asst. Commissioner Gorneau. **Motion Carried.**

**C. Basic Corrections Training Program Waiver Request:**

1. None at this time.

**D. Basic Corrections Training Program 180-Day Extension Requests:**

Director Ryder presented the following Basic Corrections Training Program 180-Day Extension Requests.

1. Abdullah Bahar – Kennebec County Correctional Facility

**MOTION: To approve the Corrections Training Program Extension Request of 180-days for Abdullah Bahar so he can attend the October, 2025 BCTP.**

Moved by Deputy Chief Bushey seconded by Mr. Mendoza.  
**Motion Carried with 1 opposed.**

At 11:34 a.m. Chair Rumsey suggested the Board break for lunch. Meeting resumed at 12:11 p.m.

2. Brittany Beaudette - Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office

**MOTION: To approve the Corrections Training Program Extension Request of 180-days for Brittany Beaudette so she may attend the October 14, 2025 BCTP.**

Moved by Director Love and seconded by Asst. Commissioner Gorneau.  
**Motion Carried.**

3. Joshua Sierra – Aroostook County Sheriff's Office

**MOTION: To approve the Corrections Training Program Extension Request of 180-days for Joshua Sierra so he may attend the October 14, 2025 BCTP.**

Moved by Major King and seconded by Director Love. **Motion Carried.**

**E. Law Enforcement Pre-service Program Waiver Requests:**

1. None at this time.

**F. Part-time Law Enforcement Officer 1040 Hour Extension Requests:**

1. Richard Adams – Penobscot Nation Warden Service

**MOTION: To approve the Part-Time Law Enforcement Officer Extension Request of 155 hours.**

Moved by Mr. Kidd and seconded by Lt. Colonel Scott. **Motion Carried**

2. Garrett French – Boothbay Harbor Police Department

**MOTION: To approve the Part-Time Law Enforcement Officer Extension Request of 680 hours.**

Moved by Dr. Kamorski and seconded by Director Love **Motion Carried**

3. Jared Grinnell - Dexter Police Department

Heard earlier in the meeting.

Director Ryder presented the New Course Certification Requests.

**G. Course Certification Requests:**

1. BCTP Drill and Ceremony / Physical Fitness ( modification of hours)

**MOTION: To approve the modification of hours for the Basic Corrections Training Program course BCTP -Drill and Ceremony/Physical Fitness.**

Moved by Dr. Kamorski and seconded by Major King. **Motion Carried**

2. Elder Exploitation, Fraud, and Abuse (2026 Law Enforcement mandatory training)

**MOTION: To approve the 2026 Law Enforcement mandatory Training Course: Elder Exploitation, Fraud, and Abuse.**

Moved by Deputy Chief Bushey and seconded by Asst Commissioner Gorneau.  
**Motion Carried.**

3. Time Sensitive Lesson Plans.

**MOTION: To delegate Director Ryder the power to approve Time Sensitive Lesson Plans under the Board's authority as the Executive Director, so they can be put into use.**

Moved by Sheriff Nichols and seconded by Lt. Colonel Scott. **Motion Carried**

**H. Course/Program completion Certifications issued by the Director.**

Director Ryder presented the list of the one hundred and six certifications that were issued since the Board Meeting on July 11, 2025.

**MOTION: To accept the 106 Certifications that were issued by Director Ryder on behalf of the Board since the Board meeting held on July 11, 2025.**

Motion made by Dr. Kamorski and seconded by Director Love. **Motion Carried.**

**VI. Item Six on the Agenda: Committee Reports**

**A. Complaint Committee: Major Jason King**

Major King advised the Board that the committee has been very busy over the last couple of months and they have discussed when approving waivers, to word the motion "To approve the waiver to attend all academy programs". This will eliminate a person coming back to request another waiver for the same reason to attend another program.

Ms. Stark proposed that the CRC meet before the scheduled Board meetings to discuss waiver requests that don't require an informal conference and have those recommendations ready to be voted on at that Board meeting.

Major King stated that many times the Committee gets cases that do not fall under the MCJA case jurisdiction, such as class E crimes or cases where there is no information provided by complainants. In instances such as these he proposed that the Committee vote on the cases at the CRC meeting, disposing of the case and reporting the findings to the Board at the next meeting. After discussion with the Board's counsel that there are no statutory requirements to hold informal conferences for waivers and some class E crimes don't meet the statutory criteria for discipline under the statute, the Chair directed the CRC to adopt this procedure.

**B. Administrative Rules Committee: Lt. Dan Menard**

Lt. Menard told the Board that Colonel Scott had advised that he had circulated the recommended changes to the Rules Committee and received no objections or comments.

**C. Law Enforcement Training Committee: Deputy Chief David Bushey**



Deputy Chief Bushey told the Board members that the Committee had reviewed the Firearms qualifications proposal, and it was approved. They also reviewed Elder Exploitation and there were no questions.

**D. Corrections Training Committee: Mr. Kidd**

Mr. Kidd said other than the Mandatory training topics heard at the beginning of the meeting, and that the committee continues to meet monthly to review lesson plans, there wasn't anything else to report.

**E. Policy Standards Committee: Dr. Michael Kamorski**

Dr. Kamorski told the Board that the Policy Standards Committee had been asked to make changes in four Minimum Standard policies, Policy 1: The Use of Physical Force Policy, Policy 3: Domestic Violence, Policy 16: Truthfulness and Policy 17: Sex Trafficking. After conversation with the Board members regarding the specific word changes, all agreed the proposed changes were acceptable.

**MOTION: To approve the recommended changes to the Minimum Standards as presented and to acknowledge that all other standards were reviewed with no changes recommended.**

Motion made by Lt. Colonel Scott and seconded by Mr. Mendoza. **Motion Carried.**

**VII. Item Seven on the Agenda: Report from the Chair – Chief Charles Rumsey IV**

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, I attended a meeting here at MCJA of the state polygraph examiners. At the meeting there was robust discussion about the polygraph examiners' belief that they should not be required to report misconduct to the Academy, as they are not properly aware of what is and is not considered disqualifying conduct. They believe that these reports are best made by the Chief Law Enforcement Officer. The group is also concerned about the number of reports of disqualifying conduct the Board is likely to receive following the updating of the Academy's disqualifying conduct form, which now mirrors the state statute. Members of the Board, the Director, and the AG's office will likely need to have ongoing conversations about the best way to handle this.

Also in July, I sent out an online survey in an effort to determine whether there is a better day for this Board to meet than Friday. There was no majority opinion for any day. Approximately 47% of respondents felt that Friday is best. The next most popular day was Thursday, with 20% of respondents preferring that day. 13% had no preference. I'll distribute the results of the survey, and we can continue to discuss this.

On August 6<sup>th</sup> I was able to represent the Board of Trustees on an interview panel with representatives from the Maine State Police, Maine Sheriff's Association, and Maine Chiefs of Police Association for the open Assistant Director's position here at MCJA. One candidate stood far above the others in the opinion of the interview panel, and I was pleased to learn that candidate was selected for the position. Congratulations to Assistant Director Josh Daley!

On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, I represented the Board at the BCTP graduation. It was an excellent event, and I know the Director will provide you with some details in his report. MCJA staff do a great job ensuring that the corrections graduations are exciting, professional, and memorable for the graduates, their families and coworkers.

I've said it before but it's worth repeating – thank you to the Trustees who were able to join us on August 27<sup>th</sup> for our rulemaking meeting, and to Director Ryder and AAG Horst for all the work that went into preparing for that day.

Over the past few months, I worked with Director Ryder and others to formalize a schedule for our mandatory training subcommittees to provide their training topic recommendations to the Board. Moving forward, the subcommittees will present their recommendations to the Board every March for approval, which should give

MCJA staff adequate time to prepare lesson plans that can be developed for delivery. This is a departure from the previous 2-year cycle, but we felt that this process will provide the Board with the ability to exercise flexibility to respond to emerging needs.

I realize that many of you have not met Augusta Assistant City Manager Bill Post. Bill was appointed to the Board as our municipal official representative but was forced to resign so he could focus on his health. We are working to fill his seat and wish him all the best.

Lastly, following this fall's fair season, it is my intention to pull together key stakeholders to discuss the issues surrounding the use of constables and special police officers at fairs around the state and in other capacities. I am hopeful that we will be able to formulate a plan to strengthen the accountability and reporting of the use of these categories of law enforcement officers.

### **VIII. Item Eight on the Agenda: Report from the Director – Director Lincoln Ryder**

The 48<sup>th</sup> Basic Law Enforcement Training Program started on August 18, 2025 with 86 students, 73 males and all 13 females that were eligible to be seated. In the first 2 weeks of the course, 7 students withdrew from the program and we were able to cycle 3 students from the waitlist in through the first 6 days of the class. Two additional students withdrew from the class in Week 3. Eight officers were originally on the wait list, but the Maine Forest Service opted to defer 2 Rangers from the waitlist to the 49<sup>th</sup> BLETP, leaving 2 officers on the list we were unable to seat in the class. Those 2 students were hired the week after the 48<sup>th</sup> BLETP orientation held on July 18<sup>th</sup> and are now deferred to the 49<sup>th</sup> BLETP.

Academy staff has had a lack of instructors for MARC instructors. We are seeking a instructor to student ratio of 1:10, if possible. If agencies have interested available instructor staff, their assistance would be greatly appreciated and will drastically increase the efficacy of the instruction. Additional assistance in scenario training in the BLETP is also a need (instructors, actors, evaluators, etc.).

49<sup>th</sup> BLETP planned start has been moved back 2 weeks to February 2, 2026 and will graduate on June 5, 2025. This was done to allow 2 additional weeks for hiring by agencies for the class to maximize the number of students we can have to seat for the class and to allow additional time for BLETP staff to refit for the 49<sup>th</sup>.

The 86<sup>th</sup> Basic Corrections Training Program graduated on August 22, 2025 with 43 graduates. Keynote speakers for the event are AG Aaron Frey and Captain Travis Andrews (Assistant Jail Administrator of the Somerset County Jail), and Mr. Roy King (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager for the Maine Department of Corrections).

Work continues on the creation of the Basic Probation and Parole Training Program (BPPTP), which includes collaboration between ME DOC, Academy staff, and the Board of Trustees. The Board will likely be completing the rulemaking process in the next month to create the entrance standards (Chapter 3) and training standards (Chapter 5) for the program, aiming for Basis Statement approval and rule adoption at the at today's meeting. A public hearing for both rules was held on August 27<sup>th</sup>, with no public attendance. No written comments were received regarding either rule. The pilot BPPTP class is tentatively planned for October 2025, after which, staff will make any adjustments necessary to the form, format, and curriculum for improvement in future offerings.

Following the promotion of Josh Daley to Assistant Director, staff is in the process of hiring a Training Coordinator to backfill the open position. The posting closed on September 4<sup>th</sup> and 12 qualified candidates applied for the position. Assistant Director Daley will be conducting the hiring process over the next few weeks in hopes to have the selected candidate in place in early October. Additionally, in the new budget the Academy gained a paralegal position which will assist with Complaint Review Committee work, Board work, and complicated FOAAs. Hiring is projected by year's end.

The planned renovation of C-Building (dormitory space) began over the past 2 weeks and will progress through likely early June 2026.

Since early July, staff has encountered ongoing issues with Academy phone lines dropping calls or being unavailable for incoming calls. Staff has reported the recurrent issues to OIT and the problem has been narrowed to issues with the vendor, Consolidated Communications, who has yet to rectify the issue. As a result, the problems are ongoing and cause substantial disruption to staff's ability to communicate with those we serve. The issue has been escalated by OIT but continues – now in the 9<sup>th</sup> week. This may have been resolved due to work by CC on Wednesday, but we are still waiting to determine if there are additional dropped calls.

I attended a conference at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, GA held August 18-21 for state POST Directors. The conference is the second annual hosted and paid for by FLETC designed to provide training and a structured discussion forum to assist POST directors in the work of managing training and certification standards. The event was attended by representatives from 30+ states / territories. The conference was helpful providing information and resources to assist in decision making and strategies for the Academy's ongoing work.

For the correctional community, work was initiated in August on the development of an in-service training for de-escalation. DOC DEI Manager Roy King is project managing the effort recruiting subject matter experts from both MEDOC and county jails to assist with the project. The conceptual structure of the course will include classroom and hands-on scenario-based training to provide corrections officers knowledge, skills, and abilities to effectively employ de-escalation strategies. The desire is to offer the course regionally as an in-service class, providing additional training opportunities for correctional officers as there are currently few offerings for corrections in-service training for line officers. The work on this course is projected to be completed within the next 6 months.

Staff has reformatted the 2-week Methods of Instruction course, breaking the instruction into two 1-week sessions, MOI1 and MOI2. MOI1 focuses on developing the new instructor as a presenter and teaching them how to use a lesson plan/class management. MOI2 will focus on curriculum development and writing a lesson plan. Board specifications will change accordingly, requiring MOI1 as a prerequisite for advanced instructor training such as Firearms Instructor, Mechanics of Arrest/Restraint/Control Instructor, Canine Team Trainer, etc. The change sought to better utilize instructional time by focusing MOI1 on the necessary skills to move candidates into specialty disciplines and eliminated the requirement for curriculum development which is covered in other phases of the advanced specialty training. MOI2 would be required for lead instructors so they will have the knowledge, skills, and abilities for lesson plan / curriculum development. This reformat also will eliminate the year-long waitlist for the class allowing for multiple MOI1 deliveries by staff and less frequent MOI2 deliveries, which is less of a need by students. The pilot MOI1 class is running 9/7 through 9/12. The pilot MOI2 class is not planned until early 2026.

Work continues on the COPS FY24 Safer Outcomes Grant. Over the past 2 months, staff and partnering SMEs met with IADLEST contractors to develop a job task analysis which will be in online survey form and sent to full-time law enforcement officers having graduated from the BLETP since 2018 and their supervisory staff. The line officers will score job task frequency while the supervisors will score the job task criticality which will be used in a needs assessment to inform changes to the BLETP curriculum. From this information, additional lesson plans will be developed for de-escalation and crisis response training to be appropriately integrated into the new BLETP curriculum. The JTA will be released to initiate a 6-week time period for completion on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

No other staff updates.

Courses completed since the July 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting are:

- Aug. 4 – Aug 15, 2025 Law Enforcement Pre-Service – Phase 2 - MCJA

## **IX. Item Nine of the Agenda: Old Business**

### **A. Basic Corrections Training Program 180-Day extension Requests (tabled from 7/11/2025)**

The consensus of the Board was to keep these extensions tabled and to reach out to Penobscot County Jail again requesting their presence at the November meeting to discuss these requests at that time.

**B. Rulemaking – Chapter 3: Entrance Standards**

Director Ryder spoke about the Rulemaking process regarding Chapter 3 and where it stands now.

1. Board responses to written comments. – There were no comments received.
2. Basis Statement approval – Explaining the Board’s authority for making the rule and policy it’s trying to establish.
3. Rule adoption – Making word changes in section 2-K.

**MOTION: To approve the Basis Statement for Chapter 3 as proposed.**

Motion made by Lt. Colonel Scott and seconded by Major King. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION: To adopt the rule as amended to include the updated language regarding the polygraph manual.**

Motion made by Lt. Colonel Scott and seconded by Director Love. **Motion carried.**

**C. Rulemaking – Chapter 5: Training Standards**

Director Ryder spoke about the Rulemaking process regarding Chapter 5 and where it stands now.

1. Board responses to written comments. – There were no comments received.
2. Basis Statement approval – Explaining the Board’s authority for making the rule and policy it’s trying to establish.
3. Rule adoption – Word changes regarding Basic Probation and Parole Training Program and the MARC scoring matrix.

**MOTION: To approve the Basis Statement for Chapter 5 as proposed.**

Motion made by Asst. Commissioner Gorneau and seconded by Dr. Kamorski.  
**Motion carried.**

**MOTION: To adopt the rule as presented with the minor proposed amendments.**

Motion made by Director Love and seconded by Lt. Colonel Scott. **Motion carried.**

**D. CRC Case 2024-006 Final Order of Revocation**

Chair Rumsey explained that this item on the agenda was due to a revocation issued by the Board earlier in the year and that the certificate holder requested a Hearing. Before the Hearing could take place, the certificate holder withdrew the request. AAG Horst told the Board that the Final Order of Revocation had been sent out to the certificate holder this week.

**X Item Ten of the Agenda: New Business**

**A. Proposal to adopt a new basic firearms qualification standard.**

After discussing this subject and weighing in on different scenarios, the Board decided to table the proposal at this time.

**B. Proposal to develop/adopt a new entry physical fitness standard for BLETP and LEPS**

Asst. Director Daley and Director Ryder gave a detailed report and the reasoning behind this proposal and after much discussion it was decided to move this new entry standard along and bring it back to the Board at a later date.

**C. Specification changes:**

Director Ryder explained that because of the change in the MOI format, these changes are necessary for these certifications.

1. S-6 Instructor Certification
2. S-7 Firearms Instructor Certification
3. S-17 Patrol Canine Team Certification
4. S-18 Detector Canine Team Certification
5. S-19 Canine Team Trainer Certification
6. S-20 Canine Assistant Trainer Certification
7. S-32 Federal Officers Limited Authority to Enforce Maine Law Certification

**MOTION: To approve the specification changes as presented.**

Motion made by Major King and seconded by Asst. Commissioner Gorneau  
**Motion carried.**

**XI. Item Eleven of the Agenda: Adjournment**

Chair Rumsey called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION: To adjourn the September 12, 2025 Maine Criminal Justice Academy  
Board of Trustees Meeting at 3:02 p.m.**

Motion made by Asst. Commissioner Gorneau and seconded by Director Love. **Motion Carried.**

  
Mr. Mateo Mendoza