



# TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

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## Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Minimum Standards for Law Enforcement Agencies November 7, 2023

On Monday, November 7, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., an advisory committee meeting for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) was held at the TCOLE Headquarters, 2nd Floor, Training Room, 6330 East Highway 290, Austin, Texas, 78723 and via videoconference.

Committee members attending were: Presiding Officer Roy Boyd, Assistant Presiding Officer Jaime Ayala (virtual), Bill Avera (virtual), Paul Christ, Solomon Cook, Bob Lydia (virtual, audio only), Ronald Phillips, Derreck Rose (virtual), Marvin Ryals, Derreck Watson (virtual), and John Wilkerson.

TCOLE Executive staff attending were: Interim Executive Director John Beauchamp and Enforcement Major T.J. Vineyard.

### **Agenda item 1, Call to order.**

Presiding Officer Roy Boyd called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present. Welcoming remarks were made by Presiding Officer Roy Boyd.

### **Agenda item 2, Discuss and take action on Advisory Committee procedural and preliminary matters, if necessary.**

Discussed after Agenda item 4.

### **Agenda item 3, Discuss and take action on matters related to developing minimum standards with respect to the creation or continued operation of a law enforcement agency based on the function, size, and jurisdiction of the agency as established under Texas Occupation Code §1701.163. This includes the review, discussion, and any action on: Format of documents pertaining to recommendations by members and the committee as a body; and any guidance regarding the legislative intent as it pertains to Minimum Standards for Law Enforcement Agencies.**

Chief Derreck Watson discussed the possible format of the standards, what auditors can be looking for during audits, and how minimum standards may differ for different types of departments and facilities. Chief Watson suggested that TCOLE create a template for how this new role will look.

John Wilkerson presented a printout of rule 211.16, highlighting (b)(2), suggesting a new definition

under rule 211.1 clarifying “sustainable funding sources.”

Presiding Officer Boyd pointed out that the current law enforcement agency creation application has no standard regarding a reason for agency creation. The committee discussed wanting to create a matrix or checklist for minimum requirements for creation of an agency. It was further discussed that Major T.J. Vineyard could help create audit standards to determine if an active agency is being used as it should.

Mr. Wilkerson suggested the city be held accountable for keeping up with and governing the physical building standards.

Major Vineyard and Mr. Christ volunteered to create criteria based on agency type, suggesting some standards will apply to all agencies while others may differ based on agency size and responsibilities.

Major Vineyard presented a document containing agency composition data, broken down by TCOLE regions, to better assist the committee in an overall view of how different types of agencies are currently represented across the state.

**Agenda item 4, Discuss and take action on future Advisory Committee meeting dates and location, including videoconferencing.**

Future meeting dates and reviewed print out of proposed dates, times, and locations were discussed. The committee confirmed and agreed upon the next meeting to take place on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Alvin Community College in Alvin, Texas.

**Agenda item 2, Discuss and take action on Advisory Committee procedural and preliminary matters, if necessary.**

Presiding Officer Boyd directed committee members to review the meeting minutes of the October 9, 2023, advisory committee meeting. Chief Ronald Phillips moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Paul Christ.

**Agenda item 5, Receive public comment on any topic, without action.**

No public comment.

**Agenda item 6, Adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.