

**Killeen Police Department
Academy Training Center Advisory Board
May 6, 2022**

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Acosta at 11:51am.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Ricardo Acosta (Chairman), Jason Degenhardt (Board Member), Oliver Mintz (Board Member), Jennifer Washington (Board Member), Lt. Thomas Smith (ex-Officio)

Members Absent: Lt. Michael Sousounis

III. Introduction of new members

- A. Each new member introduced themselves.
- B. Reviewed TCOLE Rule §215.7
- C. Introduced BPOC Concepts, blue book (cadet rules)

IV. Old Business

- A. Only discussed academy license.
- B. No other old business was discussed (75% of board members are new or were not present at last meeting.)

V. New Business (Lt. Smith)

- A. Discussion on meeting again in December before BPOC 37.
- B. Discussed academy increase from 696 to 720 hours.
- C. Discussed police interactions with mental health. Did not have deep discussion about Killeen Cares program. Did discuss Autism and Law Enforcement interaction class from Anne and Tres Jackson.
- D. Discussed adding more juvenile training to continuing education and the violence surrounding Killeen juveniles.
- E. Mr. Mintz asked about training division funding, specifically if funding was adequate and if not, what the board members can do to help increase funding. Answer – funding is adequate; most funding PD and training division has had in recent memory (ARPA funds).
- F. Discussed impact of new school on PDHQ location and traffic congestion.
- G. Discussed Bunny Trail road improvements.
- H. Discussed lack of adequate office space for instructors and lack of large classroom space under PD direct control.
- I. Discussed future First Responders training center. PD does not want permanent footprint on site. Would rather funding be allocated to tactical range to improve or expand facilities under PD direct control.

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J. Discussed lack of adequate parking at tactical range (Ms. Washington). That has been upgraded since her last visit. Did not discuss future of lighting and improved walkway from upper parking lot to lower parking lot / academy.

VI. General Comments and Suggestions

A. Discussion about what and how much juvenile training is received in BPOC and as continuing education.

B. Ran out of time to have deep discussion or tour academy.

C. Next advisory board agenda and other important events will be sent to all board members via email.

D. Due to time constraints of all attendees, this meeting was kept primarily to introductions, TCOLE Rules, and very basic information about the BPOC and upcoming events.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

A. Meeting adjourned by Mr. Acosta at 1:07pm.