

**Killeen Police Department  
Academy Training Center Advisory Board  
February 24, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Acosta at 1:04pm

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

**Members Absent:** Lt. Michael Sousounis, Jennifer Washington (Board Member)

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve made by Oliver Mintz. Seconded.

**III. Training Coordinator Report**

A. VA Education Benefits update.

1. Discussion around updated hours submitted to VA for BPOC 1000720. Mr. Acosta stated he believes the Academy/Department/City of Killeen should also receive benefits from the VA for eligible beneficiaries who attend the BPOC. He stated he will look into and present his findings to the Training Coordinator.
2. Education benefits are delayed while VA transitions from VA ONCE to

B. ARPA Project update. Behind pace for new construction at the range. Hope to catch up in the summer/fall.

C. BPOC Calendar review and approval for 37 and 38.

**IV. Old Business**

- A. Changes in ARPA projects.
- B. Technology update and report.
- C. Training on Juvenile interactions.

**V. New Business**

A. Jason Deganhart stepping down from Advisory Board due to potential conflict of interest. He has a family member being named TCOLE Director. Verbal resignation accepted by Training Coordinator and will be submitted to Chief for final approval.

**VI. Training Needs/Training Courses**

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- A. None discussed
  
- VII. Training Policy/Procedures**
  - A. Discussed KPD working to get all officers up to date on current ALERRT classes. Began both SORD and AAIR courses during the calendar year.
  
- VIII. Other Topics**
  - A. None discussed
  
- IX. Closing Comments/Next Meeting**
  - A. TBD based on everyone's availability and Chief Lopez's availability to introduce Chief to board.
  
- X. Meeting Adjourned**
  - A. Motion to adjourn made by Oliver Mintz. Seconded
  - B. Meeting adjourned by Mr. Acosta at 2:11pm