

**Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association
Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission**

**Regular Commission Meeting
June 24, 2025**

Call to Order

The Regular Commission meeting of the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission was called to order on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, PA. Chief Benson presided.

Members Present

Coordinator Adams, Chief Benson, Chief Bergmann, Executive Director Bohn, Chief Cortazzo, Captain Crone, Admin Assistant Feaser, Chief Ficco, Chief Haberman, Chief Hendershot, Chief Hettinger, Chief Kilgore, Chief Kitzinger, Chief Lash, Chief Lauth, Corporal Madrak, Director McVey, Sergeant Ross, Chief Sokoloski, Chief Splain, Chief Swartz, Chief Wagner

Chief Fogel, Esquire Lavery, and Captain Sharif were absent.

The commission stood, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Chief Hettinger made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2025, regular Commission meeting. Chief Cortazzo seconded the motion. All agreed.

Introduction of Guests

Also present were representatives from the following agencies: Sergeant Neil Tropiano, Bensalem Township PD; Captain Shaun Powell, Sergeant Mark Conway, Bethlehem Township PD; Sergeant Todd Adams, Dallas Township PD; Chief Edward Mokshefsky, Lieutenant Joseph Pretti, Accreditation Manager Michael Golden, Eddystone Borough PD; Chief Davis Holland, Lieutenant Jarrett Boules, Accreditation Manager Valjoy Galli, Fairview Township PD; Chief Matthew Gordon, Admin Assistant Gretchen Porterfield, Township Manager Alison Dobbins, Jennifer Ruggeri, Kennett Township PD; Deputy Chief Bill Hickey, Lieutenant Art White, Millersville University PD; Chief Kenneth Cole, Monroeville PD; Lieutenant Dave Burdis, Sergeant Adam Webber, Northern Lancaster County Regional PD; Sergeant Chris Irwin, Regional Police Commission Chairperson Loretta Wilhide, Northern York County Regional PD; Chief Joseph Hogarth, Penbrook Borough PD; Chief Kevin Sharkey, Lieutenant Wayne Cochran, Slippery Rock University PD; Chief Blaine Leis, Lieutenant Christopher Dolga, Sergeant Jared Reiner, Upper Merion Township PD; Chief Joseph Sproveri, Sergeant Joseph Bees, Sergeant Kyle Grey, Warren City PD

Assessment Reports for Consent Agenda

Bensalem Township Police Department

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Bethlehem Township Police Department
Dallas Township Police Department
Easton City Police Department
Eddystone Borough Police Department
Fairview Township Police Department
Franconia Township Police Department
Hellam Township Police Department
Lower Salford Township Police Department
Newtown Township Police Department (Bucks)
Northampton Township Police Department
Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department
Northern York County Regional Police Department
Penbrook Borough Police Department
Slippery Rock University Police Department
Upper Merion Township Police Department
Warren City Police Department
Waynesboro Police Department

On a motion by Chief Ficco, seconded by Chief Swartz, the consent agenda was approved, and all agencies were granted Accredited Status for an additional 3 years. Chief Benson abstained from Franconia Township Police Department. Captain Crone abstained from Bensalem Township Police Department, Newtown Township Police Department, and Slippery Rock University Police Department. Chief Hendershot and Corporal Madrak abstained from Newtown Township Police Department and Slippery Rock University Police Department. Chief Hettinger abstained from Franconia Township Police Department, Eddystone Borough Police Department, and Waynesboro Police Department. Chief Ficco and Chief Kilgore abstained from Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department. Chief Lash abstained from Northern York County Regional Police Department. Director McVey abstained from Bensalem Township Police Department. Sergeant Ross and Chief Splain abstained from Eddystone Borough Police Department and Waynesboro Police Department.

Premier Agency Recommendations

The following agencies have successfully completed five or more reassessments and are eligible for Premier Status: Dallas Township Police Department, Easton City Police Department, Fairview Township Police Department, Franconia Township Police Department, Lower Salford Township Police Department, Penbrook Borough Police Department, Upper Merion Township Police Department, and Warren City Police Department. On a motion made by Chief Hettinger and seconded by Chief Ficco all agencies were granted Premier Status for their next 3-year cycle. Chief Benson and Chief Hettinger abstained from Franconia Township Police Department.

Assessment Reports

Kennett Township Review – Presented by Team Leader Ret. Chief Murphy

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Chief Benson complimented the agency on having only 2 file maintenances.

On a motion by Chief Hettinger and seconded by Sergeant Ross, the Kennett Township Police Department was granted accredited status. All agreed.

Millersville University Review – Presented by Team Leader Captain McGarr

On a motion by Chief Sokoloski and seconded by Chief Kilgore, the Millersville University Police Department was granted accredited status. Captain Crone, Chief Hendershot, and Corporal Madrak abstained.

Monroeville Review – Presented by Team Leader Deputy Chief Ford

On a motion by Chief Cortazzo and seconded by Chief Haberman, the Monroeville Police Department was granted accredited status.

Committee Reports

Assessment Committee

To help assessors, the Assessment Committee drafted definitions for the following: non-compliance, file maintenance, and applied discretion. Committee Chairman Chief Hendershot presented these definitions to the Commission.

Chief Hettinger noted that under non-compliance policy it says, “not included in the file...” The first sentence under file maintenance policy says “...not shown in the file.” He thinks the first sentence on the file maintenance policy definition should be removed.

Corporal Madrak thinks that first sentence should stay, and rather the sentence under non-compliance policy should be removed. Chief Hettinger agreed with this.

Chief Hendershot advised that he will update the wording.

Chief Benson stated that this should be added to the Assessor Manual.

Coordinator Adams said that he is currently working on updates to the manual.

Standards Committee

Committee Chairman Corporal Madrak submitted a brief report on the meetings of the Standards Committee. A more detailed report on the standard changes will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

Administrative Committee

Committee Chairman Chief Hettinger had no report.

Strategic Planning Committee

Committee Chairman Chief Wagner had no report.

Coordinator’s Report

Coordinator Adams discussed his report which includes the updates on the PLEAC conference dates and Content Hub. All PLEAC PowerDMS users will be migrated over to Content Hub – this includes Commission members.

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Old Business

Nothing was reported under old business.

New Business

Chief Benson discussed the updates to the PLEAC Committee Appointments that was supplied to the Commission.

For the Good of the Order

Chief Benson congratulated Chief Lash on his appointment to the PCPA Executive Board.

Executive Session

Chief Benson called for an executive session to address a complaint he had received about a Commission member after the April PLEAC quarterly meeting. With no formal process in the PLEAC By-laws or Administrative Manual, Chief Benson outlined how he handled it based on his agency policy regarding handling of similar complaints. He invited Commissioners to comment and after a few comments deemed the complaint closed with no further action other than updating the Complainant.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Regular Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at the Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill.

Adjournment

At 11:31 a.m., a motion was made by Corporal Madrak to adjourn; seconded by Chief Hettinger. All agreed.

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Abstentions Noted in Advance			
Commissioner	Business Interest	Agenda Item	Reason for Abstention
Lee Benson	No	Franconia Township PD	Assessment Team Leader
Leon Crone	No	Bensalem Township PD	Assessment Team Leader
	Yes	Millersville University PD	LEAS Client
	Yes	Newtown Township PD	LEAS Client
	Yes	Slippery Rock University PD	LEAS Client
Richard Ficco	No	Northern Lancaster County Regional PD	Assessment Team Leader
Jason Hendershot	Yes	Millersville University PD	LEAS Client
	Yes	Newtown Township PD	LEAS Client
	Yes	Slippery Rock University PD	LEAS Client
Guy Hettinger	No	Franconia Township PD	Assessment Team Member
	Yes	Eddystone Borough PD	Aspirant Client
	Yes	Waynesboro PD	Aspirant Client
Josh Kilgore	No	Northern Lancaster County Regional PD	Own Agency
David Lash	No	Northern York County Regional PD	Own Agency
David Madrak	Yes	Millersville University PD	LEAS Client
	Yes	Newtown Township PD	LEAS Client
	Yes	Slippery Rock University PD	LEAS Client
William McVey	No	Bensalem Township PD	Own Agency
John Ross	Yes	Eddystone Borough PD	Aspirant Client
	Yes	Waynesboro PD	Aspirant Client
David Splain	Yes	Eddystone Borough PD	Aspirant Client
	Yes	Waynesboro PD	Aspirant Client