

MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND  
CERTIFIED CONSTABLE'S BOARD

DATE: September 12, 2016

TIME: 2:30 p.m.

PLACE: Department of Business Regulation  
Conference Room 68-1  
1511 Pontiac Avenue  
Cranston RI 02920

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Murray Gereboff, Esq., Chair  
Kenneth K. Norigian  
Ronald J. Russo, Vice Chair  
Bruce R. Thibodeau, Esq.\*

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Tiffinay Antoch Emery, Esq.

DBR STAFF PRESENT: Amy C. Stewart, Esq., Legal Counsel, Kim Precious, Implementation Aide

OTHERS PRESENT: John Esposito, Scott Gettings

Chair Gereboff called the meeting to order at 2:58 p.m.

The first order of business was approval of the MINUTES from the June 20, 2016 meeting. Upon motion made by Mr. Norigian and duly seconded by Vice Chair Russo, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes from the June 20, 2016 meeting.

The second order of business was INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGAL COUNSEL. Amy C. Stewart, Esq., Legal Counsel introduced herself as the newly assigned legal counsel to the Board replacing Jenna Algee, Esq., who has been transitioned to other duties within the Department.

The third order of business was OLD BUSINESS, in which the following matter was discussed:

**Update on law enforcement applicant**

To modify explanations on this subject from the previous meeting, the law enforcement applicant has not withdrawn his application, he has however, put his application on hold until his upcoming retirement is finalized.

The fourth order of business was NEW BUSINESS, in which the following matters were discussed:

**Training Applications: Anthony Calabro & Alfred Izzo**

Discussion ensued. Upon motion made by Chair Gereboff and duly seconded by Mr. Norigian, it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the applications of Anthony Calabro and Alfred Izzo for Certified Constable training.

**Training Log: Scott Gettings**

Discussion ensued. Upon motion made by Vice Chair Russo and duly seconded by Chair Gereboff it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept training log submitted by Scott Gettings for training approval.

**Oral Examination of Scott Gettings**

Oral Examination ensued. Upon motion made by Mr. Norigian and duly seconded by Chair Gereboff it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve Oral Examination of Scott Gettings taken at meeting, allow for written examination to be taken, and to license him provided that he passes the written examination and submits a bond.

**Written Examination: Scott Gettings**

Mr. Gettings had yet to submit a bond to the Board. The Board advised him to get the bond and then schedule a time to take the exam with Kim Precious.

**Licensing Issues**

Discussion ensued regarding additional paperwork submitted with initial application for intent to use services. It was agreed by Board members present that the Department could accept only one (1) letter of intent.

\*Mr. Bruce R. Thidbodeau, Esq., arrived at 3:30 p.m.

**Need to identify constables who are qualified and willing to train**

Discussion ensued. Department may reach out to constables by email to compile a roster of volunteers.

**Topics to be introduced on agenda for next meeting**

Discussion ensued. The two Rhode Island Constable Associations will submit legislation to change 90 hours of training back to 90 days of training. Board agreed there is no need to include this on the next agenda.

The fifth order of business was **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Esposito, a member of the public, commented he agreed with the Board on subjects discussed relating to matters of legislation change, and about dress code. Mr. Norigian stated that the two constable associations were having a continuing education seminar on Wednesday, November 2, 2016. The Department and Board members are welcome to attend.

The sixth order of business was **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Upon motion made Mr. Bruce Thibodeau, Esq., and duly seconded by Vice Chair Russo it was unanimously

VOTED: To convene into Executive Session at 3:29 p.m., to wit:  
(1) To approve executive session minutes of June 20, 2016; and  
(2) To discuss one (1) new matter of allegations of misconduct, pursuant to RI General Laws §42-46-5(a)(4) for investigative proceeding regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

At approximately 3:46 p.m., the Board returned to Open Session.

Upon motion made by Vice Chair Russo, and duly seconded by Mr. Norigian, it was unanimously

VOTED: To seal the minutes of the Executive Session.

The seventh order of business was **REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- (1) Minutes from Executive Session June 20, 2016 were approved by unanimous vote.
- (2) The Board discussed one (1) new matter of allegations of misconduct and closed out that matter.

The final order of business was **ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 3:51 p.m., upon motion made by Mr. Norigian, and duly seconded by Vice Chair Russo, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted  
Kim Precious  
Implementation Aide.