

Board on Public Safety Standards and Training
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
March 11, 2010

The Executive Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (BPSST) held a meeting on March 11, 2010 at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). Jeff Martin called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

Committee Members Present:

Mark Prince, Vice Chair of the Board (teleconference)
Rob Poirier, Chair of the Telecommunications Policy Committee (teleconference)
Jeff Martin, Chair of the Private Security Policy Committee (teleconference)
James Whelan, Chair of the Fire Policy Committee

Committee Members Absent:

Andrew Bentz, Chair of the Board and Chair of the Police Policy Committee
Todd Anderson, Chair of the Corrections Policy Committee

DPSST Staff Present:

Eriks Gabliks, Director
Charlene Barber, Executive Assistant
Marilyn Lorange, Standards & Certification Program Supervisor



1. Approval of February 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Rob Poirier moved to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2010 Executive Committee meeting and Jim Whelan seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

2. Director's Update

Provided by Eriks Gabliks

Special Legislative Session: The Legislative Session has concluded and there were no bills that specifically impacted DPSST or any of the agency's constituent groups. There was discussion on the background check bill. The law specifically restricts employment use of credit checks and it has no direct impact on certification.

Budget: At the last Board meeting there was discussion on the uncertainties of “sweeps.” Sweep means that the Oregon Legislature can take money out of dedicated funds through a legislative action.

- Fire Insurance Premium Tax (FIPT) was not affected.
- The 9-1-1 tax was left alone, but the legislature will now take the interest from that fund.
- Criminal Fines and Assessments, which fund the criminal justice programs, were swept 1.8 million dollars. The Legislature restored \$706,000 to fund two basic police classes.
- Private Security/Private Investigators stays the same because it is a dedicated fund which is driven by licensing fees.

2011-2013 Budget: Each state agency has to submit a reduction as a part of their budget package. This year the reduction percentage is 25%. The reductions, which are out of the criminal justice funded programs, will be in 5% increments. It’s not that the reductions will be taken, but if cuts have to be made this is where we will take them from. Our leadership team will look at the last list we created and work from it as a base. We will share the reductions list with the Board at its’ next meeting.

Board and Committee Members: A number of Board and committee members are coming up at the end of their terms. We are working with the respective organizations to get these seats filled. The next opportunity to have replacements approved by the Governor’s Office will be in May 2010 when the Senate Confirmation Committee comes together.

Mark Prince requested a list of the term expiration dates for the Board and policy committee members. Charlene will get a list out to everyone.

DPSST Operations: Right now the Operations Section of the agency is under the Technology and Operations Bureau. Everything this section deals with takes the Training Division’s money. On April 1, 2010 this section will be moved back under the Training Division. This move will help the communication issues within these sections.

Alarm Group Issue: The Oregon Fire Marshals’ Association met about two weeks ago at Salishan. The Alarm Monitor Sub-Committee, which is under the DPSST Private Security/Investigators Policy Committee, discussed the fact that people who monitor burglar alarms are required to be licensed by DPSST, but the people who currently monitor fire alarms are not. A work group will be created to address this issue. The group will include representatives from the Fire Marshals’ Association, the Office of State Fire Marshal, the Alarm Sub-Committee and Telecommunications Policy Committee.

Mark Prince moved to adjourn the meeting. Rob Poirier seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

There being no further business to bring before the Committee, Jeff Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting for the Executive Committee is May 13, 2010 at 1:30 pm.