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2	COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING		
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4	A Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Commission		
5	on Peace Officer Standards and Training was held on Monday,		
6	February 22nd, 2021 commencing at 10:03 a.m. at 5587 Wa Pai		
7	Shone Avenue, Carson City, Nevada.		
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10	Jason Soto, Chairman		
11	Kelly McMahill Ty Trouten		
12	Kevin McKinney George Togliatti		
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14	Rhonda Adams Russ Niel		
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CHAIRMAN SOTO: Good morning. Chief Jason Soto. I'm

2 going to call this meeting to order it. It is February 22nd, 3 2021 at 10:03 hours. I'm going to now turn this over real quick 4 5 to Kathy Floyd for information on legal postings and open meetings compliances. 6 7 8 9

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KATHY FLOYD: Good morning. This meeting has been posted in compliance with NRS241.020. It's physically been posted at the POST administration here Carson City, Carson City Sheriff's 10 Office in Carson City, Elko Police Department in Elko, Las Vegas 11 Metropolitan Police Department in Las Vegas and it's been 12 electronically posted at post.nv.gov and notice.nv.gov.

13 CHAIRMAN SOTO: Thank you very much. For now, I'll go 14 ahead and do a roll call. I'll start with myself. Jason Soto, 15 Reno PD, and onto the next Sheriff Mike Allen.

SHERIFF ALLEN: I'm here.

CHAIRMAN SOTO: Chief Ty Trouten.

18 CHIEF TROUTEN: Present.

CHAIRMAN SOTO: Chief Tim Shea. 19

CHIEF SHEA: I'm here. 20

21 CHAIRMAN SOTO: Chief Rhonda Adams. You on Chief Adams? 22 CHIEF ADAMS: Yes, I am. I didn't know if the phone was 23 saying that if it was an automated system or not. So 24 sorry.

25 CHAIRMAN SOTO: No worries. We got you. Chief Russ Niel.

1	CHIEF NIEL: Here.			
2	CHAIRMAN SOTO: Director George Togliatti.			
3	DIRECTOR TOGLIATTI: Here.			
4	CHAIRMAN SOTO: Chief Kevin McKinney.			
5	CHIEF MCKINNEY: Here.			
6	CHAIRMAN SOTO: Chief Kelly McMahill Okay. All right. It			
7	looks like everybody's here minus one, and we're going to go on			
8	to Item Number 1, Discussion Public Com Oh, wait, no, I'm			
9	sorry. We also have one recognized, from POST. So, we have Mike			
10	Sherlock from POST and Kathy -			
11	MIKE JENSEN: and Mike Jensen with the Attorney General's			
12	office.			
13	CHAIRMAN SOTO: Alright, so we got POST here. We're			
14	covered. Item Number 1, Discussion, Public Comment, and For			
15	Possible Action. Approval of minutes from the November 17th,			
16	2020 regularly Scheduled POST Commission Meeting. Are there any			
17	comments from that meeting from any of the commissioners? Any			
18	public comments? Seeing as though there's none, I'm looking for			
19	a motion to approve the minutes.			
20	CHIEF MCKINNEY: I make a motion to approve the minutes			
21	from the November 17, 2020 commission meeting.			
22	CHAIRMAN SOTO: We have a motion from McKinney. Do I have a			
23	second?			
24	SHERIFF ALLEN: Mike Allen, I'll second.			

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CHAIRMAN SOTO: A motion and a second, all those in favor say aye.

COMMISIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN SOTO: Opposed?

CHIEF MOLINA: Louis Molina.

CHAIRMAN SOTO: Thanks Chief, we got you. Okay. Motion
carries unanimously. Item Number 2 Executive Director Report.
I'm going to turn it over to Mr. Sherlock.

MIKE SHERLOCK: All right, just real quick, just a 9 10 quick, short update. Mike Sherlock for the record, what's going 11 on with POST, in our training division we are now in our third 12 Academy class since the beginning of the pandemic. Of course, 13 we're utilizing all the virus protocols that are recommended and 14 so far, knock on wood, we've only had one positive test. No 15 symptoms over the course of three Academy classes. Our goal is to get these new officers through basic training and back to 16 17 their agencies and communities where they're needed most. Over 18 on training, we do have now scheduled management, supervisor, 19 and basic instructor development classes for the year. These 20 fill up quickly and can be found on our website. Again, our goal 21 is to get these scheduled and available, on a regular basis. We 22 really have seen demand increase in those areas and we're trying 23 to keep up. In the standard division with the pandemic and now 24 the legislative session we're seeing extreme delays in getting 25 our new regulations back, but hopefully those will come soon.

1 We'll be able to present them. We are currently sending out notices of non-compliance for those officers who we show have 2 not completed their annual maintenance training. Right now, 3 believe it or not, we have about 240 officers statewide that we 4 show is out of compliance from about 15 different agencies. Now 5 you know the fact that we show that they're out of compliance 6 7 doesn't necessarily mean they haven't done the training. They just haven't reported to us. Probably, the most frustrating for 8 9 us is we currently ask employing agencies to serve the non-10 compliant employees. Just today we have a few of these back to 11 us, these serving of their noncompliance, where the agency says 12 they're unable to serve the employee. Frankly, if the employer 13 doesn't know where their peace officer employee is, I'm not sure 14 how POST can find them, but we're working on that at this point, 15 and hopefully we'll get there in terms of compliance. At this 16 point, we will likely look at the July meeting to address any 17 remaining out of compliance officers at that point. And of course, we're taking into consideration the pandemic and those 18 sorts of things but, hopefully we'll get there. In terms of the 19 20 legislative session, we are tracking a whole host of bills. I 21 will try to keep the commissioners up to date on those bills 22 that directly affect POST, just for your own information in any 23 way. And that's about it for POST.

24 CHAIRMAN SOTO: All right. Any comments from any 25 commissioners on the report? Any public comments? Okay. We're 1 going to move on to Item number 3, Discussion, Public Comment, 2 and for Possible Action Discussion on Hiring Certifying and 3 Annual Training Requirements for Command and/or Executive Level 4 Staff. I'm going to turn this over to Mike Sherlock for an 5 explanation.

MIKE SHERLOCK: Mike Sherlock for the record, So, this 6 7 seems to come up quite regularly. We have again, had a few 8 inquiries regarding the hiring, via our reciprocity, process of 9 command level staff for agencies. The biggest issue seems to be 10 the physical fitness test. And, at least in these agencies mind 11 the ability to bring on those who they believe to be the best 12 candidate, despite the fact that they can't pass the PPFT 13 physical fitness test. And of course, they don't want to send 14 them through a full basic Academy. I know in prior commissions 15 makeup, that the commission has been reluctant to forego in any 16 way the PPFT requirement. So as a result, I've often said that 17 if an agency truly believes that person is in necessity, one option is to bring them in as a non-peace officer. That said, 18 our current certificate structure includes a requirement to 19 demonstrate the physical ability to complete those critical 20 21 tasks that were identified for each category of peace officer in 22 the state of Nevada. So, when we were looking at certification, 23 we were saying at the moment of certification, that peace 24 officer has the ability to handle those critical physical tasks. 25 If the commission is interested in creating a system or one

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1 person must demonstrate that ability and receive a basic certificate and another applicant doesn't have to demonstrate 2 that, then clearly that would be detrimental to the integrity of 3 4 our certification process. Now, I will say some States do have a two-tier system. Though, if we went that way would certainly 5 increase staff workload and I would leave that to the commission 6 7 to consider, but understand, I believe that if we're, if we're able to maintain the integrity, we would need a validation study 8 9 for critical tasks that make in the arena of command staff and 10 develop a test that, meets that validated study and at that 11 point, then we would need a certificate that is specific to 12 command staff and would prohibit that person from moving, say 13 from command staff to patrol at a different agency, which of 14 course is our issue right now. If we issue someone a basic 15 certificate, they can go work any position that's a peace 16 officer position in the state, and that's our concern from 17 staff's perspective. So, I know this was just something that 18 some had asked to have on the agenda for discussion, and I'll leave kind of that background and leave it up to you Chief, for 19 20 any comments. CHAIRMAN SOTO: Thank you, Mr. Sherlock yeah, I know 21

21 CHAIRMAN SOTO: Thank you, Mr. Sherlock yeah, I know 22 this is something that I know we've had discussions on in the 23 past and I think that there's some challenge, that has been 24 expressed by different agencies in terms of, really, it kind of 25 comes down to the state of policing today and all the change and

1 over the turnover that you're seeing at not only line level in policing, but also in executive staff a lot of people moving 2 around and one specific case that was brought to my attention 3 4 was somebody who had a good 25 to 30 years in law enforcement, but he didn't have the reciprocity because he had been dormant 5 for quite some time. We wanted to look at one of our agencies in 6 7 our state and there were some challenges there in terms of what 8 the requirements were. Now I'm not here to just to speak for or 9 against it. I'm just saying, I know that there's some challenge, 10 especially when you're talking about executive level positions. 11 To get them to go to an Academy or some type of setting like 12 that seems a little bit ridiculous when you've got 30 years of 13 exemplary service behind you. I just don't know what the answer 14 is. I thought I'd bring it to this board and see what their 15 thoughts were. And anybody wants to weigh in on that? Feel free. 16 Because I'm sure it's much different in a city setting than 17 maybe a rural setting or vice versa. So, I wanted to get some thoughts of some of our commissioners to see what their thoughts 18 were on that. 19

20 SHERIFF ALLEN: This is Mike Allen for the record, I know 21 that even if I take a lateral entry level or a lateral 22 applicant, I still mandate that they pass the physical agility 23 part of the POST standards. Number one, we've all been in this 24 business now a long time and we've all seen those ones, people 25 that can barely get in and out of a car, and all of a sudden

what happens is now you're getting insurance claims levied 1 against you because they can't get in and out of the car because 2 of back issues or whatnot. So, I make sure they even can pass 3 4 the physical agility part of that. I'm just thinking, I guess for myself, if I brought a command level person in, would I 5 expect that they be able to forego some of this. Academically, I 6 7 think is one thing, but I think the physical agility would be 8 something else. Just thinking off the top of my head right now, 9 would they be able to if they had to take some sort of 10 enforcement, make it through that, that type of activity? I 11 think, I don't have a problem with the academics as much as I do 12 as a physical part of the job.

13 CHIEF SHEA: Tim Shea here. From a person that came from 14 out of state and had to come here and take the physical agility 15 test, I don't think anybody's taken it. I was over 60 when I 16 took it and passed it. So, I'm not looking at it from the 17 standpoint of somebody who couldn't pass it, but somebody who did, and as I look at executive positions around the country, 18 rarely have I ever seen a requirement that you pass our state's 19 entry-level test for line level police officer, when you're 20 21 going to be the chief of police. If you're going to get hired in 22 Oakland, California, I don't believe you have to go and run 23 around a track and do pushups and sit-ups. And, I think that we 24 should take a look at what we're really hiring and why would we 25 require someone who's going to run? Reno police department from

out of state have to run around a track because in most of these 1 departments, you're not going to see the chief of police out 2 there doing law enforcement activity and he's coming from a 3 4 place where he's been doing law enforcement activity, and it's no different than an internal person who hasn't taken a physical 5 agility test in 35 years. So, why does the outside person have 6 7 to take it? And the inside person does not? I don't see what 8 value we get. We're looking for people to run agencies, not 9 people to go out and push patrol cars around on the street. And 10 I think, from a person has had to let people go from the process 11 because they couldn't, they missed a run by a second, one 12 second, it seems crazy to me that we dumped people out because 13 they couldn't do one thing at a hundred percent because there is 14 no way to have anything less than a hundred percent. Everything 15 must be a hundred percent.

16 CHAIRMAN SOTO: One of the challenges that was brought 17 to my attention in addition to some of the discussion that we've 18 had here today, and maybe Mr. Sherlock can shed some light on it, is the time. So, if an agency goes with an outside hire and 19 20 he, or she doesn't meet reciprocity and we have to get them up 21 to speed, so to speak, the time to do that in an Academy setting 22 is pretty extensive, and are those same requirements in place 23 for an executive? I guess that's -

24 MIKE SHERLOCK: Mike Sherlock for the record, so, we're 25 talking two different things here. So, if they've been out of

1 policing for more than 60 months, it's as if they were never in policing, right? So, they would have to go back to a basic 2 Academy under our current rules. In terms of the PPFT that's a 3 4 reciprocity issue where they must pass our physical readiness test as part of the reciprocity. Understand they have to pass it 5 either way. You'd have to pass it inside of an Academy or 6 7 outside the Academy when you do reciprocity. So, there's two things that I would say Chief Shea is the easiest way for me to 8 9 put this, is we have jurisdiction over those that exercise peace 10 officer powers. If this position is not exercising peace officer 11 powers, there's no reason for POST to get involved from my 12 perspective. On the other hand, understand that that our 13 certificates are a certificate that's issued, in terms of PPFT, 14 based on at the moment of that certificate, they have the 15 physical ability to complete the critical tasks that were 16 established in a validated study. I would just caution that. I 17 don't want to put us in a position where that validated study 18 doesn't apply, but again you could certainly create a two-tier system if that's the way you want it to go. Which again, some 19 States do have. You talked about California. There is a physical 20 21 component in California for command staff, and it is different 22 than line level. That is true. But again, it's based on 23 validated studies for that position in terms of what those critical physical tasks may be for that position. So, I'm 24 25 suggesting that if we went that way, we would have to do some

1 sort of validated study. Because again, if you issue someone a basic certificate without completing those requirements, again, 2 I think it affects the integrity of our whole process, and we 3 won't know if that person moves from your deputy chief position 4 to a patrol officer in Elko, and yet they have not met that 5 physical, demonstrated that physical ability to complete the 6 7 critical task of a patrol officer say or CAT I. So, that's our concern as staff is that we don't, in any way affect the 8 9 integrity of that certification process.

10 CHIEF SHEA: Yeah. I understand Mike. My deal is with 11 this is that all of these people that we have to hire in these 12 executive positions all have to go through medical screening and 13 the medical screening process can have some things placed into 14 it. The POST physical, the heart and lung physical, we take 15 every year is fairly extensive and it's two days, and they test 16 virtually everything. And I don't know where we gain anything 17 from a guy who's going to come and head an agency having to go and run around a track versus that medical, because he's already 18 a police officer. At some time in his career, I would assume 19 20 he'd already passed a physical agility test to become a patrol 21 officer or deputy sheriff. Now, 30 years later, he's going to go 22 run an agency. He's got to take a physical fitness test. He's 23 already certified in another state, but a person in this state 24 who took the test 35 years ago doesn't, and he could be grossly 25 out of shape, and all he's going to get is a medical screening

1 by his hiring agency. So, I don't know why we need to keep it in place for something that's going to go and run an agency. 2 They're not going to go and work patrol. I understand on patrol, 3 I don't have any issues with the patrol part of it, but 4 executive leadership I think is a whole different -- and we were 5 cutting out quite large numbers of people over this physical 6 7 agility test. I'm it's happened to me twice here trying to get 8 people.

9 CHIEF TROUTEN: Ty Trouten for the record, I understand 10 Chief Shea's concerns, but I think it's absolutely about the 11 executive leadership aspect. We preach nationally with law 12 enforcement about the need to stay in shape, the benefits of 13 stress reduction, the benefits for being able to handle the 14 tasks at hand and not resort higher uses of force. From my perspective, I see it as a leadership issue and that's -- how do 15 16 you expect your rank and file, the guy who hasn't passed the PT 17 test in 35 years to give at any credence if they know that well, once you reach a certain point, it's not even critical. I quess 18 I'm, on the other standpoint, I would love to see a yearly PT 19 requirement. Even if it's a graduated through age and so forth, 20 21 just to have that expectation. I also think back to a couple, 22 Items that were before this board and last roughly year where an 23 undersheriff was petitioning for an extension to meet the 24 requirements for the PT test, and it was because of they were 25 shorthanded. Well, when it was all said and done at 18 months,

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1 that individual still couldn't do it because that individual had not put forth any effort to prepare themselves to get in shape. 2 And so, I'm a firm believer that if you're going to be an 3 4 executive leader, you need to lead by example. I also think if your dedication is to be that leader pay the price, it is not a 5 high standard on this physical fitness agility, or the entirety 6 7 of the test. So, if they can't do it on the physical side, I'm 8 not sure how they're going to do it on the mental or the 9 leadership side either. I guess I'm in favor of keeping it as 10 is. 11 MIKE SHERLOCK: Mike Sherlock for the record, and I may 12 have hijacked this into PPFT. Because, I think some of the 13 issues you had were more about the five-year issue. 14 CHAIRMAN SOTO: Well, it wasn't an issue. It was 15 something that was brought to the attention and here's where I'm 16 going, if I have interest in hiring outside of my own agency, 17 and I'm only bringing this up because it's happening more and more. It just is. Around this nation it's happening more and 18 more, and if I bring somebody in from (inaudible) from another 19 jurisdiction and they don't have, or maybe they're six years out 20 21 and so they don't have that five-year. So, what you're saying is 22 they would have to have a new Academy under their belt to be 23 recognized as a peace officer in Nevada. So, then my question 24 is, if that's the case, can I, or anybody else as a chief or 25 sheriff, give them that training, I suppose, in a different type

1 of setting and not put them in a classroom for six months when I
2 need them in another capacity.

MIKE SHERLOCK: Mike Sherlock, for the record, so, we'd 3 4 have to look at that. Currently, there is no other way to do that. It's a minimum of 480 hours, which is not high threshold 5 and I think the regulation requires that it'd be one continuous 6 7 program. So, currently there's probably a way to do that we could have. That an agency could submit for certification and 8 9 in-house Academy that meets that current structure. Yes. It 10 would have to meet those minimum.

11 CHAIRMAN SOTO: Similar to how we do a lateral Academy 12 now. It's not in that exact same Academy setting. It's more, in-13 house specific to whatever agency it is that's hiring that 14 lateral, at least in the city of Reno, it is. And it's tailored 15 to those recruits that we're trying to get out in an expeditious 16 fashion.

MIKE SHERLOCK: Yeah. Again, Mike Sherlock record, unless the commission changes it as long as it fits those. So, it has to be a minimum 480 hours has to be continuous. They have to pass for instance, the PPFT within 16 weeks. If it meets all those things, yeah. You could create your own executive Academy and handle it from that perspective without changing the current regulations from our perspective.

24 CHAIRMAN SOTO: Any other input from any of our 25 commissions?

1 MIKE JENSEN: Can I just, this is Mike Jensen, maybe just weigh in real quickly on this, because it is an issue 2 that's been around for a long time in terms of just dealing with 3 4 the physical standards. I was here when the bill was passed to get the funding, to do the original validation study several 5 years ago. Prior to that, we, the commission had to borrow from 6 7 other States and we were in a pretty difficult position from a 8 legal defensibility standpoint. And that's what I would add to 9 this discussion. It's just that perspective of defensibility 10 when you, as a commission start to move away from the 11 validation, validation creates other ways to become certified. 12 It undermines it. And let me just give you an example. I mean 13 we're involved in litigation right now, with an individual down 14 in Las Vegas who doesn't believe that they should have to pass 15 the physical standards, and our validation study is a key piece 16 of evidence in that case, supporting the ability to have a 17 standard at the state level for physical standards for peace officers. Where the arguments are, a lot of what you hear, which 18 are what? You have to run it a certain distance at this certain 19 time. That makes no sense. You don't do that out in the fields. 20 21 That doesn't relate to it. Well, the reality is when the 22 validation was done, it is related to it. I mean, the whole 23 standard is designed to be correlated to and predictive of, 24 that's the legal standard. The ability to do the, the essential 25 functions of a peace officer. That's what those standards are

1 designed for, even though it doesn't seem like it sometimes when you say you have to do so many pushups or some other task. But 2 that is what it's designed for, to be able to show that you can 3 perform those at a minimum level. We're not talking about the 4 best out there. We're just talking, we had to set it at the 5 lowest level possible to be able to show that you can perform 6 7 the essential functions of a peace officer and I would just add 8 that to the extent that that you're looking at lessening it, or 9 even doing away with that when it comes to requiring someone who 10 might be doing peace officer duties, that's going to potentially 11 undermine your ability to uphold it. And all the other areas 12 that you can say it is critical, you know, to have those, those 13 standards for certification. So, I would just throw that out 14 there that from a legal standpoint, and, in addition to that, 15 you have liability issues outside of all the ADA and Title 7 16 stuff that goes along with validation. Being able to support if 17 you were sued under those statutes, you just have the idea of what are our critical functions, and if you don't train officers 18 to be able to perform those, you can have just the liability on 19 a negligence, kind of a standard if you're not training to that 20 21 level or a civil rights standard, if it's like a deliberate 22 indifference to things that are critical. So, those are just my 23 couple of thoughts. This does come up and I totally understand 24 the concerns, not as well as you guys. You're the experts, but 25 they come up over the years and in the end, formally the outcome

1 has been that the validated standards are important enough to maintain and to not start creating exceptions to those. 2 SHERIFF ALLEN: It's Mike Allen, for the record, I have 3 4 one question, for the Director or Mike Jensen. So, in order for us to change any of these, if we had to, is that a BDR? Could we 5 even do this by anything? 6 7 MIKE SHERLOCK: Yeah. Most of it's regulatory. MIKE JENSEN: Yeah. In terms of the answer to budgetary 8 9 questions, I can't really answer it, but if you change to a 10 different physical standard, the only way they could be valid 11 from a defensibility standpoint is to have a validation study 12 done or borrow from another state, which is a very low level of 13 defensibility, and I would hate to go back there. It's just an 14 uncomfortable place to be when you don't have the backing of a 15 good study to support it, and those do cost money. MIKE SHERLOCK: Yeah. Mike Sherlock for the 16 17 record, they definitely do, and it depends what you're talking about. Most of what we've been talking about is regulatory. So, 18 it is under your purview as the commission, whether it's the 19 number of hours and that kind of thing that we do currently, 20 21 that's a commission issue. 22 MIKE JENSEN: That's right. Yeah. In terms of the 23 reciprocity and the number of years at which it would cut off 24 and you'd have to go to a base. Those are all regulatory Items

25 that can be changed through regulation.

1 CHAIRMAN SOTO: For the record Chief Soto, those are all valid points, and that's important that we understand the 2 history of what we're talking about here. I was just looking 3 4 at, and I haven't been faced with this, but I know other chiefs and sheriffs have, in terms of not bringing somebody in from, 5 somewhere else. It sounds like right now, there isn't a 6 7 mechanism in which we would be willing to lower whatever the 8 standards are that we have in place right now. I understand that 9 and I understand that Nevada POST is viewed in terms of being 10 ahead of the curve and not behind the curve, in terms of 11 maintaining and making certain that our officers are trained and 12 ready to hit the street when they meet those requirements. I just wanted to see if there was a way where I, as a Chief of 13 14 Police, I wanted to bring somebody in, if I could find some type 15 of Academy. It just seems a little odd to me that I have a 16 30year veteran that's coming in and he's going to sit through an 17 Academy with a bunch of recruits for several months. Now, I'm 18 not saying that's right or wrong or indifferent. I'm just saying 19 it might pose a challenge. Sounds like there's a work around to 20 that, but it would have to meet the requirements that we have in 21 place for the basic certification. Any other comments from 22 anybody or questions? 23 CHIEF MCKINNEY: Kevin McKinney for the record, I

23 remember several years back Claire Morris, who was a board 25 member, he had retired. He'd been out more than five years. He

1 came back, attended the full Academy. After he completed the Academy, I spoke to him about it, and he did mention that it 2 felt like somewhat of a waste of time. Because there was a lot 3 of basic stuff that he had attended back in the seventies when 4 he was originally at the Academy. But by the same token, he 5 understood why they did it because in 30 years or maybe even 6 7 longer, quite a bit had changed and, if he had been out of state, I believe he would have gained more value out of it. Out 8 9 of the Academy because of different Nevada law, different Nevada 10 practices, things like that. So, I think there is a necessity 11 for an out of state police officer to attend some sort of Nevada 12 Academy when they come here. I don't know if we have to attend 13 this. Again, I'm talking, I believe there could be some changes 14 or some give and take. I'm not sure if some of these categories 15 would really apply to an executive level position, but I think 16 there might be a workaround that we could probably achieve. As 17 far as the physical fitness part, I think that's a separate argument regarding what Chief Soto brought up, but I'm seeing 18 more. I remember, I think it was 2015, the FBI instituted the 19 20 annual requirement to pass their physical fitness test 21 (inaudible). I know that's still going on. So, I'm thinking 22 that at some point in the future that may become mandatory, that 23 everybody passes it annually. So, I think it may be coming, I 24 don't know.

1 CHAIRMAN SOTO: Yeah. Chief Soto for the record, I tend to agree with that. Like I said, I'm not arguing it one way 2 or another. Physical fitness portion, I understand that there's 3 a certain bar that we set in terms of conditioning. I think it's 4 important that we're all healthy. Chief Shea's made some valid 5 points as well, because it's kind of a weird standard if you 6 7 will, because you have some people that are certainly not as fit as somebody that might be. It's just a weird way that we manage 8 9 that, but I understand that some of the restrictions we have in 10 terms of getting somebody else in. The part that I'm going to 11 put some more thought into and talk with some of our 12 commissioners, is that the academic piece, the 480 hours, that 13 we put forward. As McKinney was saying earlier is it's just 14 really different depending on whether you're a city chief, whether you're an elected official. There's just different 15 things but, I agree if you're out of the business for 20, 30 16 17 years, there's probably a lot of things that you can learn by getting some of that basic instruction. So, I know it's a 18 confusing subject and that's probably why it's been in front of 19 this commission before. But I thought it would be a good idea 20 21 that we bring it back to this discussion because we are seeing 22 so much shift and change and so much retirement occurring in our 23 profession. I think that we need to be a little bit progressive 24 in at least looking at this and seeing how we can benefit, so 25 I'll put this back on Mike Sherlock in the future is to look at,

just some type of, and maybe you and I can talk about some type training for executives and maybe this is the 480 hours and they do have to hit every category. But, I think there's a more proficient way of doing it to where I don't lose out on some of the benefits that I would have from somebody that I might need at some capacity if they're not recognized as a peace officer until that time.

8 MIKE SHERLOCK: And Chief, Mike Sherlock for the 9 record, what we could do also is survey other States and see 10 exactly how they handle this issue. I know there's different 11 ways that other States handle it. Some are just like us, but I 12 know others have a system to allow for that. And we can look at 13 what they do.

14 CHAIRMAN SOTO: And I respect the input that we got from Jensen too. Like we've looked at this before and there's 15 16 liabilities. We have a way to defend that right now, and I don't 17 want to jeopardize that. That's if that's what we would have to do, then I'm personally uninterested in it. I don't know about 18 the rest of the commissioners. But, I know that there's a way we 19 20 can meet those expectations. Any other comments from any of our 21 commissioners?

CHIEF SHEA: Tim Shea here, one thing I just thought of as you were speaking is we do have the POST in lieu course, that's online and of course that's for everybody, doesn't matter what, perhaps there's something that could be done that would 1 make an executive POST and lieu course that you do online. I
2 know our reserve Academy is virtually all online. Now, maybe
3 there is something we can take a look at that would be more
4 appropriate to bring people in the level that Chief's talking
5 about.

MIKE SHERLOCK: Yeah, Mike Sherlock for the record, I 6 7 mean, it's certainly something we could look at. Again, I think 8 looking at whether what other States do could be instructive. 9 Again, I'm with Mr. Jensen. I think we have to be very careful 10 about a two-tiered system, but again, I'd be interested in what 11 other States do. Chief McKinney brought up Clair Morris, which 12 is a good example. He was out for six years, I believe, and he 13 came before the commission at that time and asked that to get 14 that waived and of course they didn't, which forced him to go 15 through the Academy. And just from our perspective here, when he 16 did that it was really good for the Academy class. Maybe it 17 wasn't great for him, but he became the leader of that class. 18 And by the way, I think Clair was 60 at the time in that range, and he was the number one, physical fitness recruit for that 19 20 class, interestingly enough. I know you wish everybody, that 21 applied had that physical fitness, but just as an example, he 22 told us afterwards that he thought in a lot of ways as Chief 23 McKinney had mentioned, that it was good for him to go through, 24 and just to give you a little bit of history on that five-year 25 rule, that is a very generous rule. If you look across the

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1 country most states are between two- and four-years maximum outside of police work before you have to return to basic 2 training. So, it's a fairly generous rule, but I get with 3 today's world what's going on, and I think at the time when that 4 regulation was adopted the feeling was 60 months outside of 5 police work was long enough any more than that your knowledge 6 7 base is declined, and that's why they came up with the 60 months, but just to give you a perspective, other states it's 8 9 usually as much shorter than the 60 months we give.

10 CHAIRMAN SOTO: All right. Any other comments from any 11 of our commissioners on this? I appreciate the discussion and we 12 will continue discussion offline moving forward. Okay. Item -- I 13 should check. Do we have any other any comments from our 14 commissioners further, any public comments? Okay. Moving on Item 15 Number 4 Discussion Public Comment and for Possible Action. 16 Discussion and Update on Legislative Bill AB 111, which proposes 17 changes to the commission structure or operation. I'm going to turn this over to Mr. Sherlock for an explanation/update. Thank 18 19 you.

MIKE SHERLOCK: Mike Sherlock for the record, so, several of you asked that we discuss AB 111 real quick. So, this bill in the original form, at least from my perspective and those who wanted it on the agenda is sought to remove some of the authority of the commission. Obviously, I saw it as a problem, but that being said to the credit of Speaker Frierson,

1 I was able to get with him over the course of a couple of days at the end of last week. He has indicated he intends, and he's 2 actually given me authority to talk about this a little bit, but 3 he has indicated he intends to replace the bill with some 4 alternative language. The new language goes a different 5 direction. It preserves what I believe to be the intent of NRS 6 7 289 as it applies to the commission, and frankly, I think it 8 would probably be a good thing if this language comes through. 9 So, that's said, until we see the new language, I would just 10 suggest tabling this Item. I can keep the commission updated. I 11 expect to see new language very soon, and once we have that I'll 12 put it out to the commission, but that original bill, at least 13 from the word of Speaker Frierson is going to be replaced. And 14 so, I take him at his word, and I can get you guys updated as 15 that language is put into the replacement bill. I would just leave it at that. 16 17 CHAIRMAN SOTO: Thanks for that update. Does anybody have 18 anything that they wanted to add to that? SHERIFF ALLEN: Commissioner Allen, I don't know if this is 19 the right time to bring it up. I was going to say something that 20 21 public, but on some of these bills, especially the two-year 22 college degree, two-year military requirement that would 23 decimate rural law enforcement, and I think that's something 24 that we, as a commission or every opportunity that we need to

25 try to explain that to the legislators that this will not work

in Nevada. We did a survey within our own agency. There are 12% of our score net would be able to stay. That's roughly I think eight deputies that we have that way. I'm sure there would be a grandfather clause, but that's how difficult it is for the rural agencies to fill these types of positions with a college degree or military experience. So, I just wanted to throw that out on that bill.

8 MIKE SHERLOCK: Yeah. Mike Sherlock for the record, so, we are 9 trying to track some of these that, do affect like 289.110 that 10 would affect, and we'll try to keep the commission up to date on 11 what we see. I know you guys are also tracking them as they come 12 out, but some of it, we get specifically to POST some aren't, 13 but do affect the POST commission. So, we'll try to keep you 14 updated.

15 CHAIRMAN SOTO: And for the record Chief Soto, I can tell you that's the main law enforcement statewide, independent city 16 17 departments, rural departments, we'd lose half our agency to that. So, it's something that we're certainly tracking. And I 18 19 know that we've had discussions, we'll continue to lobby on behalf of that not moving forward, but one thing that we can all 20 21 consider is, and I don't think we consider it enough as the 22 education you receive from POST when you get this job. To me, 23 that's classroom right there, and that's classroom time that 24 every single police officer or deputy in the state has to take 25 480 hours. So, maybe that's something that they consider to

1	continue with in terms of POST certification. But to me, that is			
2	your peer officer's basic education So, we'll keep an eye on all			
3	of that, and I appreciate the update on 111, and I appreciate			
4	you having those discussions with Mr. Frierson. Any other			
5	discussion on Item Number 4 from our commission?			
6	CHIEF MCKINNEY: Kevin McKinney for the record, seeing			
7	as how there might be some updates, should we make a motion to			
8	table this then? Or does it need to be tabled because it's an			
9	action Item, isn't it?			
10	CHAIRMAN SOTO: Possible action? Yeah.			
11	MIKE JENSEN: Mike Jensen for the record, it's a			
12	possible action. So, I think you have the option of tabling it			
13	or doing nothing.			
14	CHAIRMAN SOTO: I suppose if you wanted to, we can make			
15	a motion for an updated when is the next - May.			
16	MIKE SHERLOCK: Mike Sherlock, Yeah. The session will			
17	still be going on in May, but it's a tough thing during the			
18	session, obviously. For us, for staff it's probably something			
19	that we can keep individuals, the chairman updated on, moving			
20	forward. I don't know what action would be taken either way, but			
21	certainly it could be something I can keep the chairman updated			
22	on, and we could agendize it for the next meeting either way.			
23	CHAIRMAN SOTO: Okay. Thank you. All right. No public			
24	comment on that. Moving on, we're going to get into Item Number			
25	5, Discussion, Public Comment and for Possible Action Hearing			

Pursuant to NAC 289.290 subsection 1G on the revocation of
 Antonio Munoz Jr. Formally with the Las Vegas Metropolitan
 Police Department Certification based on a felony conviction.
 I'm going to turn it over to deputy AG, Mike Jensen.

5 MIKE JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mike Jensen for the record, we have two revocation hearings, I think on the 6 7 agenda, and this, the first of those two this morning. This 8 hearing is being held pursuant to NRS 289.510 that gives the 9 commission authority to adopt regulations that establish minimum standards for certification and the certification of officers, 10 11 specifically the regulation that was adopted to create the 12 grounds for revocation is 289, NAC289.290, specifically section 13 1G that allows for revocation of a certificate upon entry, upon 14 conviction, entry of plea of guilty, guilty, but mentally ill or 15 Nolo Contendere to a felony. There are a number of exhibits that 16 all of you should have in your books related to this hearing, 17 and if it's okay with you, Mr. Chairman, I'll go through those 18 real real quickly and ask at the end that they'd be admitted into the record for support of any action the commission takes 19 20 today. Starting off with exhibit A, that is the notice of intent to revoke that the commission sent to Mr. Munoz. It 21 22 informs him of the commission's intended action to revoke his 23 basic certificate of the law that provides for that revocation 24 and the information about the conviction for which the 25 revocation would occur. It informs Mr. Munoz of the date and

1 time and location of this hearing and his right to appear and present evidence and cross examine witnesses. It informed him of 2 the 15-day requirement that he's supposed to let the commission 3 know if he intends to appear and defend, and finally, the scope 4 of the hearing based on the revocation for a felony conviction. 5 It's my understanding that Mr. Munoz has not sent in a request 6 7 to POST commission to appear this morning at the hearing. Exhibit B is an affidavit of service that shows that Mr. Munoz 8 9 was personally served with on January 20th, 2021 with this 10 notice, and this through that service complies with both the 11 open meeting law and notice requirements and the commission's 12 regulations with regard to notice if there's going to be a 13 potential revocation action. Exhibit C is the personnel action 14 report. It shows that Mr. Munoz's peace officer employment was 15 terminated effective June 6, 2017. Exhibit D is his basic certificate. Exhibit E is the first of the court documents. It's 16 17 the amended information filed on May 7th of 2020. It charges Mr. Munoz with reckless driving category B felony in violation of 18 19 NRS484B.653 and second count of performance of an act or neglect of duty in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons 20 21 or property resulting in substantial bodily harm or death, a 22 category C felony in violation of NRS202.595, alleging that on 23 or about the 16th day of July, 2017, Mr. Munoz under the 24 reckless driving charge did willfully and unlawfully feloniously 25 drive a motor vehicle on interstate 15 and Sahara Avenue in

1 Clark County, Nevada, with willful and wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. The driving the vehicle without 2 paying full of time and attention to his driving and/or failing 3 to exercise due care, and/or failing to drive in a careful and 4 prudent manner, which acts or neglect of duty proximately caused 5 the death or substantial bodily harm to two individuals. Count 2 6 7 is related to essentially the same factual allegations that led to the substantial bodily harm or death of certain individuals 8 9 named in the information. Exhibit F is the guilty plea agreement 10 through which Mr. Munoz agreed to plead guilty to the two counts 11 and the amended information. Exhibit G is an exhibit to the 12 guilty plea agreements, the amended information again. Exhibit H 13 is the proof that Mr. Munoz has been convicted of both those 14 counts as charged in the amended information. He was sentenced 15 on count 1 to 19-48 months in Nevada Department of Corrections, 16 and on count 2 to 19-48 months in the Department of Corrections 17 to run concurrent to count 1. Both sentences were suspended. He 18 was placed on probation at that time with certain general and special conditions of probation. Mr. Chairman, I ask that those 19 20 exhibits be admitted today for the record. The evidence in this 21 case shows that Mr. Munoz has been convicted of two felony 22 convictions. The commission's regulations provides upon 23 conviction for felonies, that persons certificate will or shall 24 be revoked. These are clearly some serious felony charges and 25 show a criminal conduct that's inconsistent with the judgment

1 and demeanor of a peace officer, and through these he's disqualified himself from the position of a peace officer and 2 would recommend that his POST certificate be revoked. 3 4 CHAIRMAN SOTO: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Jensen. Any comments from our commissioners, any public comment? Seeing as 5 though there's not we're looking for a motion to revoke Mr. 6 7 Munoz POST certificate. CHIEF SHEA: Tim Shea, I'll make a motion to revoke. 8 9 CHAIRMAN SOTO: Motion from Tim Shea. Second? 10 CHIEF TROUTEN: I'll second. 11 CHAIRMAN SOTO: A second, all in favor, say aye. Aye, 12 aye. Opposed? Motion carries unanimously. Item Number 6, 13 Discussion, Public Comment and for Possible Action Hearing Pursuant to NAC289.290 subsection 1G. The revocation of Boris 14 15 D. Santana formerly with the North Las Vegas police department certification based on a gross misdemeanor conviction. And to 16 17 turn it over again to a deputy AG Mike Jensen. 18 MIKE JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mike Jensen for the record, Again, the revocation hearings being held under the two, 19 statute and regulation previous with the exception that this 20 21 case involves a gross misdemeanor as to a felony, which is NAC 22 289.290 section 1E would go through real quickly the exhibits 23 that you have in your book first is exhibit A, which again is 24 our normal notice of intent to revoke, informing Mr. Santana of 25 all of the rights that he has with regard to this hearing. One,

1 that there's going to be a hearing, the basis for the hearing, the scope of the hearing, and his rights to appear, and it's my 2 understanding that Mr. Santana has not contacted the POST 3 4 Commission to let him let them know that he intends to appear today, and I don't believe that he is here today. Exhibit B is 5 the United States Postal service certified mail documents. It 6 7 shows that the notice of intent to revoke was sent to Mr. Santana's, last known address, and it was picked up by a person 8 9 at that address, on if I got the date for that here, on January 10 27th, 2021. Exhibit C is personnel action report that shows that 11 Mr. Munoz's peace officer employment was terminated effective 12 August 6th of 2020. Exhibit D and E are his basic certificates, 13 Category I and Category III basic certificates. Exhibit F is 14 the letter from the North Las Vegas Police Department that's dated January 28, 2020, where they informed POST that there had 15 16 been felony and gross misdemeanor charges filed against Mr. 17 Santana, that involved the unlawful killing and possession of a big game animal. Exhibit G is the criminal information that was 18 19 filed pursuant to a plea agreement. It charges Mr. Santana with 20 one count, a gross misdemeanor count of unlawful possession of a 21 big game animal, which is a gross misdemeanor in violation of 22 NRS 501.376 and for civil penalty purposes NRS 501.3855, which 23 is a provision dealing with the trophy elk. Count 1 alleges Mr. 24 Santana did willfully and unlawfully possess an elk, knowing 25 that the animal was unlawfully killed or under circumstances

1 that should have caused a reasonable person to know that the animal has been killed. Again, in violation of those same 2 sections of the statute, including the civil penalty statute for 3 4 a trophy elk. Exhibit H is a memorandum of a plea agreement that was filed on June 25th, 2020, in which he agreed to plead guilty 5 to that one count, that gross misdemeanor count, as the judgment 6 of conviction filed on November 3rd 2020 that shows Mr. Santana 7 8 was convicted of that gross misdemeanor. He was fined \$100 plus 9 the civil penalty of \$8,000. All of which was due on the date 10 that the sentencing took place. In this case, we have evidence 11 that shows that Mr. Santana was convicted of a serious gross 12 misdemeanor. Again, showing conduct inconsistent with the 13 judgment and conduct expected and required a peace officer, and 14 based on that would recommend that his POST certifications be 15 revoked. 16 CHAIRMAN SOTO: Okay. Do we have any comment from any of 17 our commissioners on this, any public comment? Seeing as though 18 there are none, I'm looking for a motion to revoke Boris D.

19 Santana's POST Certificate.

20 CHIEF TROUTEN: Ty Trouten for the record, I make the 21 motion to revoke the certificates of Boris D. Santana.

22 CHAIRMAN SOTO: I have a motion. Can I get a second?
23 SHERIFF ALLEN: Mike Allen with the second. Okay.
24 CHAIRMAN SOTO: I have a motion and a second, all those in
25 favor, say aye.

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COMMISIONERS: Aye, aye. Aye. Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN SOTO: Oppose? Motion carries unanimously. 3 Moving on to Item Number 7 Discussion Public Comment, and for 4 Possible Action Request from the state of Nevada taxicab 5 authority for six-month extension pursuant to NRS 289.550, for 6 their employee Raul Diaz to meet the certification requirements. 7 I'm going to turn this over to Mr. Sherlock.

MIKE SHERLOCK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mike Sherlock 8 9 for the record, clearly the pandemic has affected many areas, 10 basic training included. Here, the taxicab authority has had 11 trouble finding the required basic training for their employee. 12 We have confirmed the Academy delays mentioned and, Chief 13 Aquino's letter and POST staff would recommend the granting of 14 the six-month extension for Diaz. This would give Mr. Diaz until 15 July 27th of 2021 to meet the requirements for the basic certificate. 16

17 CHAIRMAN SOTO: All right. Any comments from the 18 commission?

19 CHIEF MCKINNEY: Kevin McKinney for the record, just a 20 question. It shows that the Academy was scheduled to start on 21 February 6th. Is he enrolled in that Academy? Do we know?

MIKE SHERLOCK: Mike Sherlock for the record, I spoke to SSLEA. He is enrolled. I'm fairly certain that they did not start on the 6th though. They are still having delays, but they plan on getting it going very soon. Г

1	CHAIRMAN SOTO: Any other questions from any of our		
2	commission, any public comments? Okay. Seeing as though there's		
3	none, I'm looking for a motion regarding a six-month extension		
4	to complete the certification requirements for Raul Diaz. Can I		
5	get a motion?		
6	SHERIFF ALLEN: Mike Allen, I'll make the motion to		
7	grant the taxi-cab authority the six-month extension for Mr.		
8	Diaz.		
9	CHAIRMAN SOTO: Can I get a second?		
10	CHIEF SHEA: Tim Shea, I'll second.		
11	CHAIRMAN SOTO: Motion and a second, all those in favor,		
12	say aye.		
13	COMMISSIONERS: Aye. Aye.		
14	CHAIRMAN SOTO: Opposed? Motion carries unanimously.		
15	Item Number 8, Discussion Public Comment, and for Possible		
16	Action Requests from the Esmeralda County Sheriff's department		
17	for a six-month extension pursuant to NRS 289.550 for their		
18	employee, Jacob Stritenberger to meet the certification		
19	requirements. Do we have anything on this?		
20	MIKE SHERLOCK: Yeah. Mike Sherlock for the record,		
21	so, as outlined in Sheriff Elgan's letter, they have a Category		
22	III employee who was injured on day one of the basic Academy at		
23	the department of corrections. We know there have been limited		
24	start days for Department of Corrections academies based on the		
25	pandemic and also the recovery time for the injuries sustained.		

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1	So, the staff would recommend that the commission grant, the		
2	six-month extension to Mr. Stritenberger, this would give Mr.		
3	Stritenberger until July 22nd of 2021 to complete the		
4	certificate requirements.		
5	CHAIRMAN SOTO: Thank you, Mr. Sherlock. Any comments		
6	from any of our commission?		
7	CHIEF TROUTEN: Ty Trouten, and just a question on		
8	this, do they have parameters or dates of expectancy that he's		
9	going be able to complete by then?		
10	MIKE SHERLOCK: Mike Sherlock for the record,		
11	particularly because it's CAT III, but they are starting up		
12	their academies again. So, I think there shouldn't be any		
13	problem with completing that in this timeline.		
14	CHAIRMAN SOTO: Any other questions from any of our		
15	commission, any public comments? Seeing as though there's none,		
16	I'm looking for a motion regarding the extension of time to		
17	complete the certification six months for Jacob Stritenberger.		
18	Can I get a motion?		
19	CHIEF MCKINNEY: Kevin McKinney. I'll move we grant a		
20	six-month extension for Jacob's Stritenberger.		
21	CHAIRMAN SOTO: I have a motion.		
22	CHAIRMAN SOTO: Can I get a second?		
23	CHIEF TROUTEN: Ty Trouten, second.		
24	CHAIRMAN SOTO: I have a motion and a second, all those		
25	in favor, say aye. Aye.		

1 2 COMMISSIONERS: Aye. Aye. Aye.

CHAIRMAN SOTO: Opposed? Motion carries unanimously.
Item Number 9, Public Comment. Do we have any public comments?
Seeing as though there is none, we'll move on to Item Number 10,
Discussion Public Comment and for Possible Action Scheduling of
Our Upcoming Meeting.

7 MIKE SHERLOCK: Mike Sherlock for the record, again, 8 with the pandemic and now the legislative session, it's been 9 very difficult to plan meetings. At this point we believe the 10 Law Enforcement Memorial will occur in person, I believe on May 11 13th. We traditionally have a meeting that same day as many of 12 the commissioners are here in town, and it's an opportunity to 13 do that, and considering that the legislative session is in 14 session. That said, at this point staff will monitor what's 15 going to happen with the Memorial and whether or not we'll have 16 an in-person Memorial and some of the other issues surrounding 17 the legislature. So, I would suggest that we not take a motion for that date, and staff will keep you apprised of what's going 18 on. Hopefully, we can have it tentatively on May 13th. 19

CHAIRMAN SOTO: Okay. Any comments from any of our commission on that? Moving on then. We'll keep an eye on that. Item Number 11 Discussion Public Comment, and for Possible Action Adjournment. I'm looking for a motion to adjourn.

24 SHERIFF ALLEN: Mike Allen I'll make a motion to 25 adjourn.

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1	1 CHAIRMAN SOTO: Can I g	et a second?			
2	2 CHIEF TROUTEN: Ty Tro	CHIEF TROUTEN: Ty Trouten, second.			
3	CHAIRMAN SOTO: I have a motion and second. All those in				
4	favor, say aye. Aye.				
5	COMMISIONERS: Aye.				
6	CHAIRMAN SOTO: Oppose? Motion carries unanimously.				
7	Thank you all. Thank you everyone.				
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