



**Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program
Minutes from Meeting
September 14, 2022
Scorpio Room, Aquarius Hotel – Laughlin NV**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by ALEAP Commission Chair Chief Peter Wingert.

ALEAP Commission

Chief Pete Wingert, (ret.)
Commission Chairperson
Paradise Valley Police
Department

Chief Susan Smith, (ret.)
Vice Chairperson
Yuma Police Department

Tom Belshe
League of Arizona Cities &
Towns

Sheriff David Clouse
Navajo County SD

Michael Giammarino
Arizona POST

Tim Gomez
Arizona State University

Chief Richard Jessup, (ret.)
San Luis Police Department

Jim Jellison
Southwest Risk

Jim Thompson
City of Scottsdale
Arizona State University

Roxie Heussner
AACOP Executive Director

Kevin E. Rhea
ALEAP Program Manager

Evan Kunert
ALEAP Accreditation Specialist

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1. Role Call of Commissioners

Present: Commission Chair Wingert, Commission Vice Chair Smith, Commissioner Belshe, Commissioner Gomez, Commissioner Jessup, Commissioner Jellison, Commissioner Orose

Absent: Commissioner Clouse, Commissioner Thompson

- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Jessup to approve the minutes from July 6, 2022.
Motion passed 7-0.

3. Reports from Commission Chair and Program Manager

A. 2022 Budget Update – Program Manager Rhea supplied the budget through the end of Q2, 2022. Commissioners had no questions as it relates to the budget.

B. ALEAP Conference Report – Program Manager Rhea reviewed the 2022 Arizona Accreditation Conference and announced the 2023 conference will be in Oro Valley. Program Manager Rhea thanked the Conference Committee, who have been hard at work to create a first-class event once again.

C. Coalition for Arizona Police Accreditation – Program Manager Rhea reported that as a result of a session at the accreditation conference on member-led associations, a group of accreditation managers got together to create the Coalition for Arizona Police Accreditation (CAPA). This group, made up of all accreditation managers in Arizona will assist the program by offering assistance to agencies that need help or have questions, as well as handling the mock assessments. This will free assessors time to focus on the final onsite assessments. ALEAP will provide CAPA space on the website and an opportunity to assist with training at the accreditation conference.

4. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

5. New Business – Action Items

A. **DOJ Grant Acceptance** – Program Manager Rhea reported that AACOP should be informed in the next couple of weeks if the grant proposal to hire another full-time contractor to assist with the ALEAP program has been successful. The grant will fully pay for this position for two years and have no impact on the budget. Program Manager Rhea reported that no vote was required and that the AACOP board would vote later today to accept the grant, if awarded.

B. **ALEAP Communication Center Program** – Program Manager Rhea reported that the Communications working group is putting the finishing touches on the Communications Center standards manual and that it would be ready for the January meeting. ***Program Manager Rhea requested this item be tabled until the next meeting.***

C. **Accredited Chief/Command Executive (ACE) Program** – Program Manager Rhea presented the rules of a new program offering, the Accredited Chief/Command Executive (ACE) program. This program is designed to accredit individual Chiefs and Command Officers based on their academic history, leadership training and other factors. If this program is adopted, it would expand the catalogue of program offerings and the first cadre of participants would be voted on at the January 2023 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Orose to accept the ACE program as an ALEAP Accreditation offering and begin accepting applications once approved by the AACOP Board. Motion passed 7-0

D. **Approval of ALEAP Enrollment Applications** – Program Manager Rhea reported that there were no new application for program enrollment at this time.

6. **Items from Commission Members** – Commissioner Orose reported that he is retiring at the end of the year and will be resigning from the Commission. Commissioner Orose reported that AZ POST's position on the Commission will be filled by Compliance Manager Michael Giammarino.

7. **Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting of the Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program Commissioners will be on January 26, 2023 at 1:00pm at the Paradise Valley Police Department. There will also be accreditation hearings for the Phoenix and Tempe Police Departments.

8. **Adjournment:** With no other business, there was a motion by Commissioner Jessup, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting. **Motion passed 7-0.** The meeting was adjourned by Commission Chair Wingert at 1:17pm.

ALEAP Commission Accreditation Hearings

Commission Accreditation Hearing – Avondale Police Department

The Avondale Police Department completed their onsite assessment on August 3 & 4, 2022. The Assessors were Chief Lance Spivey of the St. Johns Police Department and Accreditation Manager Shane Sloma from the Northern Arizona University Police Department. The agency was found to be in compliance with the standards set by the ALEAP Commission. After presentations by the agency and Commissioners, Motion by Commissioner Jellison, Seconded by Commissioner Orose to recommend the Avondale Police Department to the AACOP Board of Directors for Accreditation without conditions.

Motion passed 7-0

Commission Accreditation Hearing – Oro Valley Police Department

The Oro Valley Police Department completed their onsite assessment on June 22 & 23, 2022. The Assessors were Chief Rich Jessup of the San Luis Police Department and Deputy Chief Joel Freed of the Kingman Police Department. The agency was found to be in compliance with the standards set by the ALEAP Commission. After presentations by the agency, Assessors and Commissioners, Motion by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Belshe to recommend the Oro Valley Police Department to the AACOP Board of Directors for Accreditation without conditions. **Motion passed 6-0 (Commissioner Jessup abstained due to being one of the assessors on this onsite).**