



**Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program  
Minutes from Meeting  
July 6, 2022  
Virtual Meeting – ALEAP Go To Meeting Portal**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by ALEAP Commission Chair Chief Peter Wingert.

**ALEAP Commission**

Chief Peter Wingert  
Commission Chairperson  
Paradises Valley PD

Chief Susan Smith.  
Vice Chairperson  
Yuma PD

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League of Arizona  
Cities & Towns

Sheriff David Clouse  
Navajo County SD

Tim Gomez  
Arizona State University

Jim Jellison  
Southwest Risk

Chief Richard Jessup  
San Luis PD

Mike Orose  
Arizona POST

Jim Thompson  
City of Scottsdale

Roxie Heussner  
AACOP Executive Director

Kevin E. Rhea  
ALEAP Program Manager

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**1. Role Call of Commissioners**

Present: Commission Chair Wingert, Commission Vice Chair Smith, Commissioner Jessup, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Orose, Commissioner Jellison.

Absent: Commissioner Belshe, Commissioner Clouse

**2. Introduction and Approval of new Commissioner: Program Manager Rhea reported an offer to join the Commission had been extended to Kevin Robinson, however, he had turned down the offer due to having too many commitments.**

Program Manager Rhea began a search of the Arizona University Community and made contact with Tim Gomez, the Director of Government and Community Relations at Arizona State University. Tim had also previously worked as the CALEA Accreditation Manager for the City of Maricopa and Executive Assistant to the Town Manager in Paradise Valley. After a phone conversation with Commission Chair Wingert, Tim accepted the appointment to the ALEAP Commission.

Tim introduced himself to the Commission and relayed his enthusiasm for the position. Motion by Commissioner Thompson, Seconded by Commission Vice Chair Smith to approve the appointment of Tim Gomez to the ALEAP Commission to a three-year term. **Motion passed 6-0.**

**3. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Jessup to approve the minutes from April 26, 2022. **Motion passed 7-0.****

**4. Reports from Commission Chair and Program Manager**

**A. 2022 Budget Update** – Program Manager Rhea supplied the budget through the end of Q1, 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. DOJ Grant Award – Supporting Tribal Agency Accreditation** – Program Manager Rhea brought the Commission up to date on the progress of the DOJ Tribal Accreditation grant. Program Manager Rhea also reported that we had had participation from several tribal agencies at the conference and ALEAP Tribal Liaison, Evan Kunert, will be following up with them to try to get them enrolled.

**D. DOJ Grant Application – Enhancing Existing Accreditation Programs** - Program Manager Rhea also reported on a new grant opportunity that he applied for from the USDOJ Cops Office. It is for up to \$300,000 for Enhancing Existing Accreditation Programs. It is anticipated that the grant be awarded prior to the next Commission meeting.

**D. ALEAP Communications Center Program Update** – Program Manager Rhea reported that a working group of Communications Professionals has developed the standards and program rules for the Communications Center program. The working group will be meeting one more time to have a complete program ready for a final vote of the Commission and AACOP Executive Board at the September Commission meeting.

## 5. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

## 6. New Business – Action Items

**A. Removal of agencies from the ALEAP Program** – Program Manager Rhea reported that there were three agencies that have not successfully completed the self-assessment period of the accreditation process and he was recommending they be removed from the program. The agencies are: Holbrook, Miami and GCU. Rhea reported that in the case of GCU, they had requested to drop out and drop back in as they now have personnel in place to successfully complete the program.

Motion by Commissioner Jessup, Seconded by Commissioner Orose to involuntarily separate the Holbrook, Miami and GCU Police Departments from the ALEAP program.  
**Motion passed 7-0**

Commission Chair directed Program Manager Rhea to advise the agencies that if they returned to the program within a year, that the application fee would be waived.

**B. Approval of ALEAP Enrollment Applications** – Program Manager Rhea introduced the following agencies that had made application to join the ALEAP accreditation process:

- a. Grand Canyon University Police Department – Chief Michael Caputo
- b. Central Arizona Project Police Department – Chief James Gallagher
- c. El Mirage Police Department – Chief Paul Marzocca
- d. Parker Police Department – Chief Michael Bailey

Motion by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson to accept the ALEAP Applications of the Grand Canyon University, Central Arizona Project, El Mirage and Parker Police Departments. **Motion passed 7-0**

- 7. Items from Commission Members** – Commissioner Thompson asked the Program Manager how the program can sustain its current level of service and add additional programs and asked what can the Commission do to assist with these challenges. Program Manager Rhea thanked Commission Thompson for the thoughts and advised that he would bring a series of recommendations back to the Commission in September for the Commissions consideration.
- 8. Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting of the Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program Commissioners will be on September 14, 2022 at 1:00pm. This meeting will be at the Aquarius Hotel in Laughlin NV during the AACOP conference. There will also be accreditation hearings for the Avondale and Oro Valley Police Departments.
- 9. Adjournment:** With no other business, there was a motion by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting. **Motion passed 7-0.** The meeting was adjourned by Commission Chair Wingert at 10:25am.