

Law Enforcement Advisory Board

MINUTES

June 17th, 2024 – 9:30 AM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 AM. Board members present included Shawn Burke, Anthony Facos, John Poleway, Ben Herrick, Kelly Price, Justin Stedman, Matthew Valerio, Mark Belisle, Domenica Padula, Christopher Brickell, and Mandy Wooster.

2. Agenda Additions

None

3. Approve May 13th, 2024, Minutes.

Anthony Facos made a motion to approve the May minutes. Matthew Valerio seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

4. LEAB Model Policy – Crimes Against Health Care Workers

The LEAB was provided the final draft policy in advance of the meeting. Mark Belisle made a motion to adopt the draft policy prepared by the Department of Public Safety. Mandy Wooster seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

5. Areas of interest for potential review – 2024

The Board discussed areas of interest for 2024. The Board decided to consider taking up a LEAB model pursuit policy in the near term. The Board also expressed interest in exploring training and practice related to interview and interrogation.

Domenica Padula suggested that the Board may want to examine “suicide by cop” incidents and potential policy considerations. Shawn Burke raised the fact that the Statewide Use of Force Policy provides guidance on interacting with persons known to be or who are perceived to be experiencing a mental impairment. The policy guidance relies heavily on de-escalation but ultimately any person can escalate their behavior to a point when an officer must act.

6. Motion to adjourn.

Justin Stedman made a motion to adjourn. Matthew Valerio seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.