

Colorado Coroners Standards and Training Board

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Colorado Coroners Standards and Training Board (CCSTB)

April 15, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Call to order

Randy Keller, Chairperson, called the April 15, 2021 Colorado Coroners Standards and Training Board (CCSTB) meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. This meeting was remove only via ZOOM.

Roll Call

A quorum was established.

Members present: Mr. Keller, Chair; Dr. Leon Kelly, Vice-Chair; Mr. Graf, Compliance Officer; Commissioner Thomas; Commissioner Grantham; Coroner Cannon;

Office of the Attorney General: Ms. Spettigue, Assistant Attorney General

Absent: Glen Trainor (excused) , Jeffrey Chostner

Guests: Laura Smith, Rob Glassmire

Mr. Keller welcomed new Board Members—Kevin Grantham Fremont County Commissioner; Glen Trainor, Chief of Police, Winter Park; Mr. Keller was reappointed to the Board

Approve January minutes (Keller)

Commissioner Thomas motions to approve January Minutes. Second by Dr. Leon Kelly. No discussion. Motion accepted unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Membership Updates

None

Officers (Keller)

This is the time of the year for nominations for Officers on the Board

Chair - Mr. Graf nominates Mr. Keller for Chair

Vice-Chair - Mr. Keller nominates Dr. Kelly for Vice-Chair

Nominations closed

Election of Officers will take place at the next meeting in July

2020 CE Submissions (Graf)

Letter was sent to all Coroners not in compliance after the last meeting in January. Mr. Graf recommends approval for all names on the list:

Broncuchia-Jordan - Adams/Broomfield

Morrow - Baca

Nichols - Bent

Hegmann - Clear Creek

Vigil - Costilla

Boren - Delta

Romann - Douglas

Laubhan - Gilpin

Crocket - Jackson

Wilkerson - Larimer

Verquer - Las Animas

Arthurs - Moffat

Canfield - Montrose

Kintz - Park

Ayers - Pitkin

Hunzeker - Rio Grande

Perrin - Saguache

Cotter - Pueblo

Wood - Summit

Daugherty - Teller

Burson - Weld

Baucke - Yuma

Question about discussion regarding Coroner Romann using the fingerprint class for CE's. Mr. Graf did some research and found that fingerprint class is widely accepted, and he recommends CCSTB accept it as well.

Mr. Graf suggests that CCSTB send a letter to Coroners explaining CCSTB must approve any and all courses prior to enrolling in classes that are not accredited according to the CCSTB CE form. Commissioner Thomas agrees that with sending a letter out and also reminding Coroners at the June 201 Conference about obtaining approval for classes.

Mr. Graf recommends approval for all listed. Motion to approve all Coroners listed for approval made by Coroner Cannon. Second by Dr. Leon Kelly. Motion accepted unanimously.

Coroners not in compliance (Graf)

There are six:

Martin - Conejos

Nordyke - Custer

Jelden - Phillips

Reid - Prowers

Metzler - San Juan

Kent - was given an extension, but did not follow through.

Mr. Graf recommends that a letter be sent explaining their pay will be suspended until compliance is reached. All of these people are in non compliance for 2020, except Jelden, who is still non-compliant from 2019. Mr. Keller - Do we send one more reminder letter, or is pay suspended effective immediately? Ms. Spettigue - We may give one more warning letter. Mr. Graf - Jelden's pay has been suspended as of January 2020. Nothing more can be done. Send another letter stating he is still non-compliant. Mr. Keller would like another warning letter sent out, due to hardships in 2020.

Mr. Graf - none of these Coroners have applied for an extension. They can attend June Conference, but that will cover 2020, and they will still be behind for 2021. Ms. Spettigue found that CCSTBoard has sent out an additional letter in May in past years. Commissioner Thomas - send a letter with a deadline of May, and if nothing by May 1, send letter to suspend pay. Mr. Keller suggests we send the letter and let them submit hours in June.

Commissioner Thomas—what is going on with Kent? Mr. Graf - He was arrested. He cannot house decedents, transport or touch them. He cannot be removed from office because he is elected. Chaffee County is housing and transporting them for Lake County for now. Kent is Coroner until recalled or is not re-elected, or convicted of a felony. Letter will go out in April warning about pay, with a final letter in May. Warning letter for Kent also be sent to Lake County Commissioners.

Commissioner Grantham - Is suspension of pay a recommendation or does it carry more weight than that?

Mr. Keller - It is statutory. Verified by Ms. Spettigue.

Further discussion (Graf)

Kara Bettis has submitted 16.5 CE's from UND, and has attended another 3.5. She has 16.5 hour certificate, but not the 3.5.

Mr. Graf would like permission to update her to current. Mr. Keller - Board needs to have final say in approval.

Upcoming CCA Training (Keller)

Briefed the Board on the upcoming locations. Also let them know these trainings are in-person as well as virtual.

Any other issues? None

Next meeting: July 15, 2021 9:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.