

Supreme Court Board of Defensive Driving
Arizona State Courts Building
1501 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007
Conference room 230
10:00 a.m.

March 20, 2007
Approved Regular Session Minutes

MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Present:

Hon. Gary J. LaFleur
Rolland (Ron) E. DeLong
Alfred Frank III
Pamela K. Najera
Jennifer E. Dubois
Leonard Montanaro
Elaine Acosta Sweet
Arnold O. Knack
Robert G. A. Hall

Telephonically Present:

Hon. Daniel S. Jurkowitz
Linda M. Hill

Absent:

OTHER ATTENDEES

AOC Staff:

Michael Hise
Kimberly Siddall
Connie Gonzalez
Nina Preston
Robert Molina
Kitty Boots
J.R. Rittenhouse

Guests:

CALL TO ORDER

Called to Order By:

Judge LaFleur, Chair

Time:

10:00 a.m.

1) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1-A: Review, discussion, and approval of the Regular Session Minutes for the meeting of February 20, 2007.

Individuals Addressing the Board: Judge LaFleur, Chair

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the February 20, 2007 Regular Session minutes.

Motion Proposals: First Arnold Knack
Second Rolland DeLong

Motion Results: Pass Carries
Fail

2) CERTIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY

2-A: Presentation of information re: determining U. S. citizenship or residency as required by ACJA § 7-205(E)(2)(c) for initial defensive driving instructor applicants.

Individuals Addressing the Board: Division Staff

Discussion: Michael Hise informed board members of his research pertaining to U. S. citizenship or residency; he added that an initial defensive driving instructor applicant will be the same to what is contained on the Department of Homeland Security's Form I-9. Members were provided with a list of acceptable residency/citizenship documents. Discussion continued as members shared their past and current experience with this issue. Staff answered questions as presented.

Motion: No action requested.

2-B: Review and consideration of pending certification status and applications of defensive driving instructors.

Individuals Addressing the Board: Kimberly Siddall

Discussion: Kimberly Siddall made a recommendation certification be granted to Moshe Cole, Philip Corrigan, William Riedel and Loretta Novoa indicating applicants have demonstrated minimum eligibility requirements for certification.

Renewal application for Patrick Otto moved to end of agenda
(Taken out of order)

Motion: Grant certification to Moshe Cole, Philip Corrigan, William Riedel and Loretta Novoa.

Motion Proposals: First Leonard Montanaro
Second Arnold Knack

Motion Results: Pass Carries
Fail

2-C: Approval of curriculum changes for Arizona Traffic Schools.

Individuals Addressing the Board: Division Staff

Discussion: Recommendation by staff to approve curriculum changes as submitted for use in defensive driving courses presented by Arizona Traffic Schools. Members shared concerns and issues with the curriculum. A suggestion made to consider implementing a Consent Agreement. Discussion continued, while members presented questions to Legal Counsel. Recommendation was made to include this item on the next agenda for further review.

Motion: To approve specific changes as requested.

Motion Proposals: First Pamela Najera
Second Arnold Knack

Motion Results: Pass Carries
Fail

3) PROGRAM ISSUES

3-A: Presentation of the required steps for amending a section of the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration.

Individuals Addressing the Board: J.R. Rittenhouse

Discussion: J.R. Rittenhouse provided members with the process as it pertains to proposing changes to the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration. J.R. Rittenhouse answered questions presented by board members. Recommendation made to include this item on next agenda for further discussion.

Motion: No action requested.

3-B: Further discussion of the requirement for a limit of 60 students in a traditional classroom course.

Individuals Addressing the Board: Division Staff

Discussion: Board members expressed their concerns and the importance of changing the number of students attending classes, due to the difficulties in the smaller areas. Discussion continued and recommendation made Mr. DeLong prepare a draft document with amended changes and present at the next meeting.

Motion: No action requested

3-C: Discussion and consideration of a subcommittee proposal to amend ACJA § 7-205(F)(19)(c)(2)(c) and § 7-205(M)(14)(b).

Individuals Addressing the Board: Division Staff

Discussion: Leonard Montanaro shared results from subcommittee and gave an overview of feedback received addressing the information provided. Discussion continued with questions presented answered accordingly.

Motion: To refer to staff to prepare a proposed draft amendment for review and discussion at the next board meeting.

Motion Proposals: First Pamela Najera
Second Arnold Knack

Motion Results: Pass Carries
Fail

2) CERTIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY (taken out of order)

2-B: Review and consideration of pending certification status and applications of defensive driving instructors.

Patrick Otto

Individuals Addressing the Board: Kimberly Siddall

Discussion: Kimberly Siddall informed the board information requested was not received from Mr. Otto and recommended the board defer consideration to the next meeting. Board members discussed and recommend deferring to next meeting.

Motion: To defer to next board meeting for further review.

Motion Proposals: First Leonard Montanaro
Second Arnold Knack

Motion Results: Pass Carries
Fail

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Individuals Addressing the Board: Judge LaFleur, Chair

Discussion: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To Adjourn meeting

Motion Proposals: First Pamela Najera
Second Arnold Knack

Motion Results: Pass Carries
Fail

Time: 11:25 a.m.
