

San Juan County

Criminal Justice Training Authority

Minutes of:
June 18, 2025

Meeting No. 185

A regular meeting of the San Juan County Criminal Justice Training Authority (SJC/CJTA or CJTA) was held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at the Lt. Owen Landdeck Training Center @ Safety City.

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Joe Gonzales; Chairman of the San Juan County Criminal Justice Training Authority Board called the meeting to order on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 1400 hours.

PRESENT:

There were six members (and/or Alternates) of the Board of Directors present:

- Chief Joe Gonzales; Chairman; Aztec PD
- Sheriff Shane Ferrari; Chairman Pro-Tem; SJCSO
- Deputy Chief Randon Matthews; Secretary; BPD; *alternate for Chief Phillip Francisco*
- Deputy Chief Kyle Dowdy; Member; FPD; *alternate for Chief Steve Hebbe*
- Nicole Brown; Member; SJCCA
- Captain Clint Varnell; Member; NM State Police
- Brian Decker; Member; DA's Office; *alternate for Jack Fortner*

Also present were:

- Ellen Wayne; SJC Legal Council
- Jonathan Jensen; SJCCJTA Director; FPD
- Jon Lillywhite; SJCCJTA Lead Instructor; FPD
- Marc McIntyre; SJCCJTA Lead Instructor; SJCSO
- Stacey Bales; Recorder; SJCCJTA

Not present were:

- Chief Phillip Francisco; Secretary; BPD
- Chief Steve Hebbe; Member; FPD
- Jack Fortner; Member; DA's Office
- Scott Sandefer; SJCCJTA Lead Instructor

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chief Joe Gonzales asks for a motion to approve the agenda; Nicole Brown makes a motion to approve the agenda; Sheriff Shane Ferrari seconds the motion; all in favor and it was unanimously approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chief Joe Gonzales asks for a motion to approve the minutes from April 9, 2025; Deputy Chief Kyle Dowdy makes a motion to approve the Minutes; Deputy Chief

Randon Matthews seconds the motion; all in favor and it was unanimously approved.

**III. BASIC ACADEMY
#56**

Officer Jon Lillywhite states:

- Class 56 went well
- Don't foresee any issues with FTO

**IV. BASIC ACADEMY
#57**

Sergeant Jonathan Jensen states:

- We will have 11 cadets (8 – SJCSO / 3 – FPD)
- Entrance PT on Tuesday
- Almost all at exit standards

**V. ADVANCE
TRAINING UPDATE**

Sergeant Jonathan Jensen states:

- DAIGLE Law Group – Use of Force
- Still one more day of training – 4 hours (8-12 / 1-5) @ \$75/seat

Deputy Chief Kyle Dowdy states:

- Daigle helped us rewrite all our Use of Force policy
- Daigle is the IACP General Council
- His opinion that Law Enforcement is too slow to use force, and not using enough force anymore
- This training is more of – it's time to use force faster, because it ends up using less force later

Stacey Bales states:

- It's located at the Connie Gotsch Theater @ SJC

Sergeant Jonathan Jensen states:

- Four Corners SWAT Sniper School (September)
- Other classes that we are looking at
 - Instructor Development (40 hour)
 - Police Instructor Update
 - Firearms Instructor School (Handgun)
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 - DV Instructor School (3 days - \$600), we would need at least 10 people committed

**VI. INTERGOVERN-
MENTAL
AGREEMENT**

Stacey Bales states:

- Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Farmington for the reimbursement of Sgt. Jensen's salary for FY26
- COF has still not agreed on any increase in pay
- Intergovernmental Agreement still reflects what his salary was for FY25
- Do we want to go ahead and vote on it now, and ratify it later or wait until the next board meeting in August
- Next payment to the COF is October 2025

Deputy Chief Kyle Dowdy states:

- We will announce our contract negotiations later today (about 1600)
- We are doing a PERA reduction and a wage increase

Stacey Bales states:

- We reimburse the COF for his salary, excluding benefits

Deputy Chief Kyle Dowdy states:

- I would probably just wait until August 2025

Chief Joe Gonzales asks for a motion to table the Intergovernmental Agreement (IG) until the August 13, 2025 board meeting; Sheriff Shane Ferrari makes a motion to table the IG until the next board meeting; Captain Clint Varnell seconds the motion; all in favor and it was unanimously approved.

VII. FACILITY UPDATE

Sergeant Jonathan Jensen states:

- After the fiscal year we will be doing maintenance of our facility that almost washed away in those big rainstorms
- We have to bring in some fill to fill those back in
- We made some signs for Ontiveros and posted them down on the track
- We've talked at the last couple of meetings about the money we have in the roll-over
- We have roughly \$300,000 in that roll-over money
- The number one thing that we need out here is the track
- The quote to have the track re-paved came in at just under \$900,000
- The money from the state was not approved
- Thought was a couple of different things, one being a building up top dedicated to DT, portable wall, classroom, etc
- If it's a possibility if the City has \$300,000 / County has \$300,000 and between the larger entities and the CJTA we could get the track done

Sheriff Shane Ferrari states:

- I can talk with the county about it

Deputy Chief Kyle Dowdy states:

- We tried state capital outlay, Senator Heinrich and Leger Fernandez and struck out on all three of those
- We are open to talking about with the City of Farmington

Sergeant Jonathan Jensen states:

- My concern is the longer we wait on the track the more expensive it becomes
- They will be milling a portion of it, and resurfacing on top of it

Chief Joe Gonzales asks:

- Who gave us the quote on that?

Sergeant Jonathan Jensen states:

- It was Four Corners materials
- This would have to go out to bid once we know we are somewhere in the ballpark of having the funds

Chief Joe Gonzales states:

- We've been using Sychar and they have been undercutting everyone
- I'm in agreement that if we sit on it too long it will disappear

Sergeant Jonathan Jensen states:

- I will contact Sychar and see if I can get a quote

VIII. BUDGET UPDATE

Sergeant Jonathan Jensen states:

- We projected \$268,000
- We brought in about \$289,000
- Revenue was about \$20,000 over what we projected
- FY25 available is \$32.79
- We will be good – will not need to do a budget adjustment
- Since we are tabling the IG, we will not need to ratify the current budget

IX. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Chief Joe Gonzales asks:

- Do you want to talk about the meeting last week (standards training council meeting)

Sergeant Jonathan Jensen states:

- State has secured the money and has contracted with IADLEST to do a full curriculum revamp for the academy (Powerpoints, Lesson plans, Test questions)
- They expect it to be done by 2028
- We (our workgroup, including all the regional directors) are going to provide input
- As they push out various blocks of instruction, I will push them out to our instructors, our subject matter experts in each of those block of instruction
- Quick turn-around so we can get them back to IADLEST
- Meeting this morning – working with In-Service training requirements
- We are gaining a lot of traction on the idea of repealing statutes that require the training hours for law enforcement
- Senator Maestas stated – It's time that we view law enforcement as a profession and we allow them to have some say in their training
- Sounds like he's on board with the repealing of those statutes

Sheriff Shane Ferrari asks:

- Any word on a new Academy Director?

Sergeant Jonathan Jensen states:

- Not yet, last I heard it was still Deputy Cabinet Secretary Silvia Serna

X. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Stacey Bales states:

- I was contacted by Nate Duckett, Kysar Insurance
- He was looking over our policy and we do not have anything for
 - Director's & Officers to cover if there was anything that happened out here, if someone tried to come after you as a board
 - Employer's Practices Liability to cover employees
- I do not have a dollar amount on what the increase would be to add these to our policy
- This is more for your review to look over

Sheriff Shane Ferrari asks:

- Does this cover our current policy?

Stacey Bales states:

- No, these would be additions to our current policy

Sheriff Shane Ferrari states:

- Do we follow suit with the county, possibly the city and the state, anytime we have a vendor come out here they have to have a \$1,000,000 insurance policy

Stacey Bales states:

- Not that I know of
- I will look into that with Central Purchasing

Conversation ensued among the board regarding whether the Academy requires the vendor insurance policy, who's responsible, etc. What is covered under our policy, what we need to require.

Sheriff Shane Ferrari states:

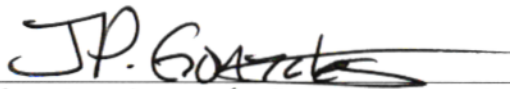
- Put on the next board meeting agenda

Invite Nate Duckett to next board meeting to help explain our policies, what we have and what we might need

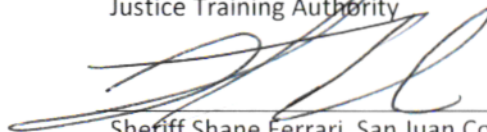
XII. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled SJCCJTA Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Lt. Owen Landdeck Training Center @ Safety City.

Chief Joe Gonzales asks for a motion to adjourn; Nicole Brown makes a motion to adjourn; Deputy Chief Kyle Dowdy seconds the motion; all in favor and it was unanimously approved.



Chief Joe Gonzales, Aztec Police Department, Chairman San Juan County Criminal Justice Training Authority



Sheriff Shane Ferrari, San Juan County Sheriff's Office, Chairman Pro-Tem San Juan County Criminal Justice Training Authority



Sergeant Jonathan Jensen, Farmington Police Department, Director San Juan County Criminal Justice Training Authority