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PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (“POST Commission”) will conduct a public hearing for the purposes of gathering comments, ideas, and information concerning new regulations (1) governing the processes for receiving, investigating, hearing, and adjudicating complaints regarding law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth and (2) governing general rules of construction, application and notice of POST Commission regulations.

Summary of Proposed Regulation: With the signing of “An Act relative to justice, equity and accountability in law enforcement in the Commonwealth,” by the Governor on December 31, 2020, the Commonwealth took a major step forward in establishing a centralized and uniform system of holding all law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth accountable to the people of the Commonwealth.

The new law requires the POST Commission to promulgate regulations governing the processes for receiving, investigating, hearing, and adjudicating complaints regarding law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth. The POST Commission proposes promulgating these regulations at 555 CMR 1.00, *et seq.*

The POST Commission also seeks to promulgate regulations governing the general rules of construction, application and notice of POST Commission regulations. The POST Commission proposes promulgating these regulations at 555 CMR. 2.00, *et seq.*

Note: This public hearing will be held virtually using the Zoom platform. You may join via computer or telephone as described below, but please note that if you are joining by computer you may need to allow extra time to download Zoom. While it is not required, you are encouraged to pre-register if you are interested in offering comments at the hearing by sending an email to POSTC-comments@mass.gov with a subject line stating, “Phase I Regulations.” Attendees should otherwise dress and conduct themselves as if attending the hearing in person.

Scheduled Hearing Date: March 23, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

To join via computer on Zoom click on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91694452798?pwd=MjhIMjg3dndsU1lqbUFkV0s3UzBpdz09>

Passcode: 134593

To join via telephone (audio only):

Please dial (646) 558-8656 and use the following conference ID: 916 9445 2798 and passcode: 134593.

The proposed regulations may be obtained by visiting the POST Commission website at:

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/post-commission>.

A written copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained by e-mail to POSTC-comments@mass.gov or by mail to General Counsel Randall Ravitz, Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, 100 Cambridge Street, 14th Floor, Boston, MA 02114.

Written comments or testimony in advance of the hearing are welcome and may be submitted by e-mail to POSTC-comments@mass.gov with a subject line stating, "Phase I Regulations" or by mail to General Counsel Randall Ravitz, Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, 100 Cambridge Street, 14th Floor, Boston, MA 02114. Please note that comments received after March 25, 2022 at 5:00 PM may not be accepted. All persons desiring to be heard on this matter should appear at the designated time and event. Given the volume of comments anticipated, the POST Commission may limit requests to speak to no longer to three minutes.