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**DECERTIFICATION PROCESS** 



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**Session 1** – Hiring & Standards

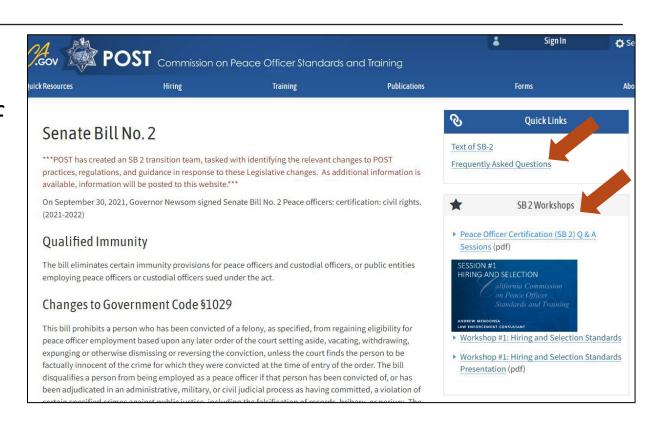
Session 2 – Certificates & Proof of Eligibility

Session 3 – Decertification Investigations and Reporting Obligations



Session 4 -









## Goals of

Presentation

BROAD OVERVIEW OF SB 2, FOCUSED ON THE DECERTIFICATION PROCESS, STANDARDS ACCOUNTABILITY ADVISORY BOARD AND POST COMMISSION

DISPEL MYTHS ABOUT THE ROLE OF POST



ANSWER LINGERING QUESTIONS



#### Questions





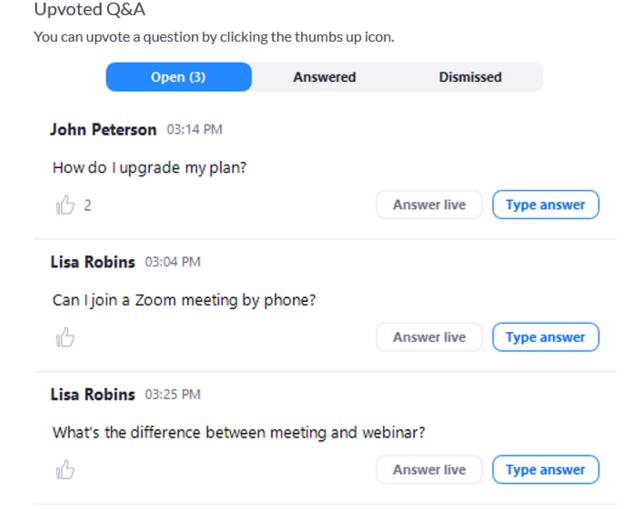
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#### **DISCLAIMER**

This presentation is intended as a broad overview of the major certification requirements of Senate Bill No. 2 (SB 2). Many details have necessarily been omitted for brevity. Important additional information may not be fully covered during this presentation.

This presentation should not be construed as legal advice. Questions about the specific provisions of SB 2, including the applicability to given circumstances, should be discussed with the advice and assistance of competent legal counsel.

**Decertification Process** 

Standards Accountability Advisory Board

**OVERVIEW** 

**POST Commission** 

Administrative Law Judge

**Questions & Answer** 

#### OVERVIEW OF DECERTIFICATION PROCESS



Serious Misconduct Allegation Session 3 Peace Officer Standards Accountability **Division** Review Session 3

Peace Officer Standards Accountability Board Review

POST Commission Review Administrative Law Judge Review

POST Commission Review

Decertification

### COMPLETED INVESTIGATION

If **no action** will be taken by the Division, the peace officer and the agency will be notified in writing.

If the Division **takes action** based on reasonable grounds for revocation or suspension of peace officer's certification:





Notification in writing to agency that employs or employed the involved peace officer.





Involved peace officer is served with notice of suspension or revocation to include:

- A statement the investigation has been completed.
- A statement of determination and reasons.
- A detailed explanation of the decertification procedure.
- The peace officer's right to contest and appeal (Request for Review Form 2-359).

State of California – Department of Justice
REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION
POST 2-359 (03/2022)

Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100 West Sacramento, CA 95605-1630 • 916 227-3909

The request for review shall be postmarked within 30 days of receiving written notification of intent to take action by the division. This form must be submitted by mail, email, or hand delivery to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. Email submissions may be sent to SB@post.ca.gov.

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## *REQUEST FOR REVIEW, POST 2-359 (3/2022)*

- Currently pending regulatory approval – out for public comment.
- To be completed/signed by the peace officer.
- The request of review shall be postmarked within 30 days of receiving the written notification of intent to take action by the Division.

## WITHIN 30 DAYS OF PEACE OFFICER RECEIVING NOTIFICATION...

If a request for review is not received, the peace officer's certification shall be revoked, consistent with the Division's determination, without further proceedings.



Officer & Agency Notification

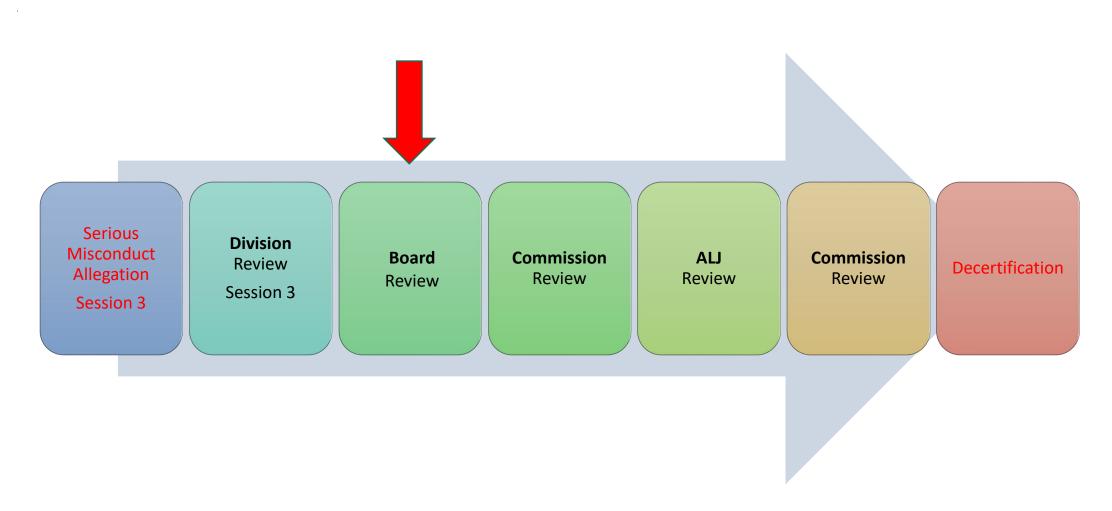
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## WITHIN 30 DAYS OF PEACE OFFICER RECEIVING NOTIFICATION...

If a request for review is received...

The case shall be scheduled for hearing before
 Standards Accountability Advisory Board (Board).

#### OVERVIEW OF DECERTIFICATION PROCESS

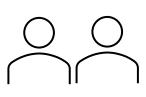




### THE BOARD – 9 MEMBERS



Command-level officer, appointed by the Governor



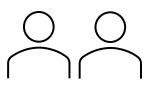
Non-profit/academic issues related to police accountability, one appointed by the Governor, one by Senate Rules\*



Management-level officer with Internal Affairs experience, appointed by the Governor



Subjects of wrongful use of force, or surviving family, appointed by Governor\*



Non-profit or academic institutions on issues related to police accountability, one appointed by the Governor, one by Speaker of Assembly\*



Attorney with experience involving oversight of peace officers, appointed by the Governor\*

<sup>\*</sup>Must not be prior law enforcement



#### **40-HOUR COURSE**

All members of the board shall complete the decertification training course, as developed by POST.

Included in course as required by law:

- Decertification Process
- Internal Investigations
- Evidentiary Standards
- Use of Force Standards and Training
- Local Disciplinary Processes

#### **BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Review findings of investigations presented by the Division and make recommendations to the Commission on what actions should be taken on certification.
- If such grounds exist, the Board, upon majority vote, will present the findings and recommendations to the Commission.

 The Board may request additional investigations of the Division

OR...

• Recommend the Commission direct the Division to investigate any potential grounds for decertification of a peace officer by a majority vote.

#### **BOARD HEARING**

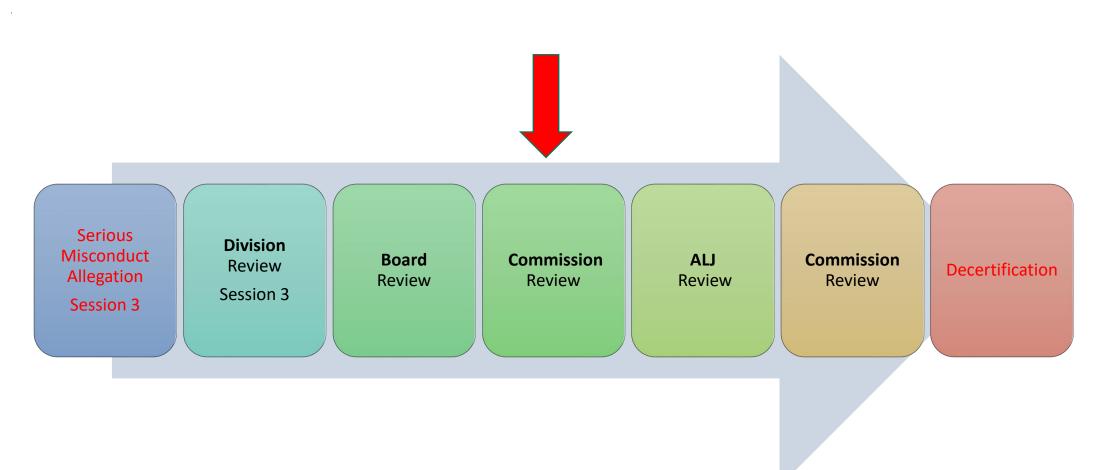
- The peace officer shall be provided with a copy of all materials used by the Division to make the decision.
- The peace officer or representative may present written or oral arguments.
- When feasible, the peace officer or representative shall be present.

- The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act applies to California State agencies, boards and commissions.
- Hearings are open to the public.



COMMISSION

#### **OVERVIEW OF DECERTIFICATION PROCESS**



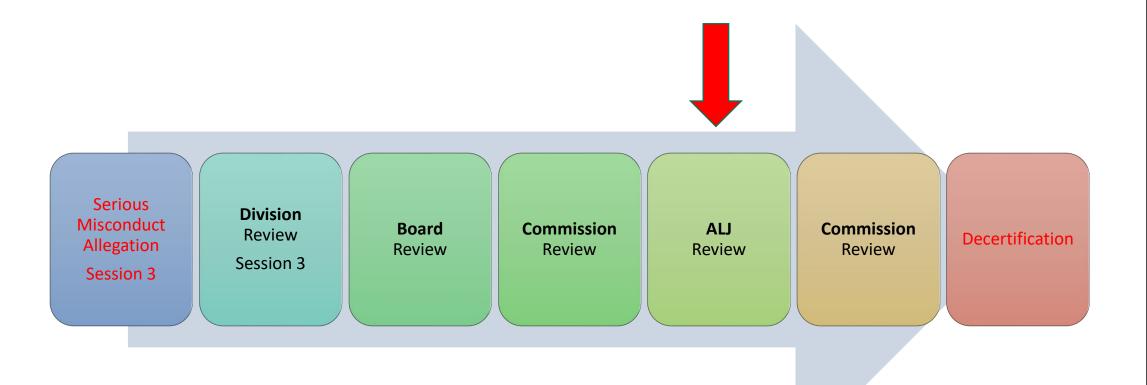
### **COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To review recommendations made by the Board that may provide grounds for suspension or revocation of a peace officer's certification.
- If such grounds exist, the Commission, upon a **2/3 vote**, can adopt the Board recommendation for suspension or revocation.

- If the Commission disagrees, they may provide their analysis and reasons for reaching a different determination.
- The Commission shall return any determination requiring action to be taken against certification to the Division. The Division shall initiate proceeding with ALJ.
- Hearings are open to the public.



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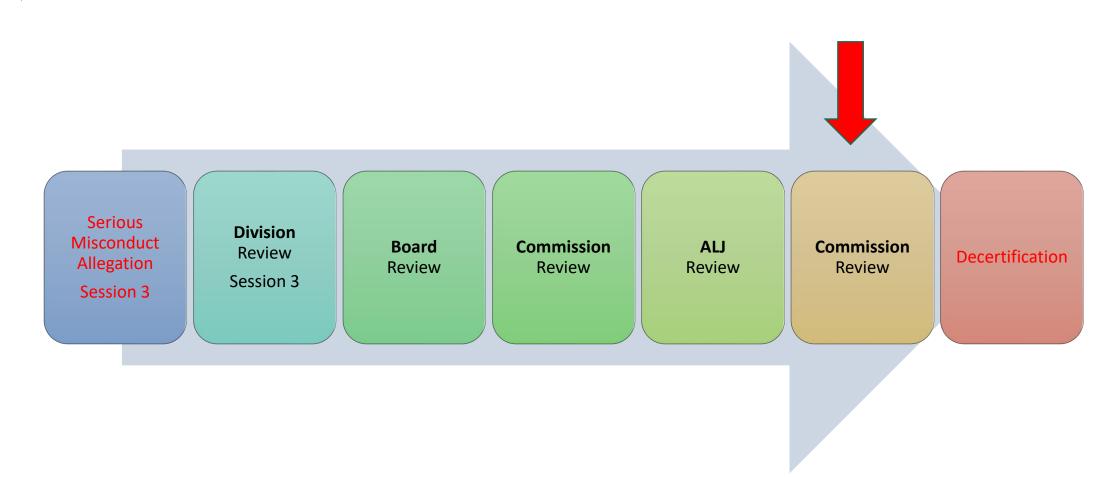
#### OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS – ALJ REVIEW

- Hearings are held under the State Administrative Procedure Act.
- Administrative law hearings are less formal than courtroom trials.
- Hearings are typically held at the Office of Administrative Hearing nearest the place of transaction or residence.
- Hearings are public, but the ALJ may close all or part of the hearing from public.

- Parties have the right to witness testimony.
- Evidentiary hearings.
- The presiding judge's decision will be in writing and will include a statement of the factual and legal basis of the decision.

Commission

#### **OVERVIEW OF DECERTIFICATION PROCESS**



#### AFTER THE ALJ PROCESS - COMMISSION





REVIEW FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

OF THE ALJ

ACCEPT OR REJECT ALJ PROPOSED OPINION AND MAKE THE FINAL DETERMINATION



Officer, Agency & District Attorney Notification A final determination by the Commission.

Publications

NDI, POST Website, Annual Report



State of California - Department of Justice

AFFIDAVIT OF SEPARATION

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INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT: Pursuant to the Federal Privacy Act (Public Law 93-579) and the Information Practices Act (IPA) of 1977 (Civil Code Sections 1798, et seq.), notice is hereby given for the request of personal information. Failure to provide any part of the requested information may delay processing of this application or result in an incomplete record. No disclosure of personal information will be made unless permissible under Article 6, Section 1798.24 of the IPA of 1977. Each individual for whom personal information is collected has the right to inspect that information in any record maintained by POST, Inquiries may be directed to the POST Information Practices Act Coordinator at the address listed above. Contact the POST Administrative Services Bureau for instructions on requesting records.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete Section 1—Identification, Section 2—(POST Reg 1003), Section 3—Notice to Officer and Section 4—Attestation.
- · Please type or legibly print (in ink) all required information. Use the TAB key (or Shift-tab) to navigate between boxes.
- . Upload a printout of this Notice to the above address within 10 days of separation

| 1. POST ID NUMBER (OR 55N)                                      | 2. NAME (Last, F     | rst, Middle)                  |   |  | 3. BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYY   |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|
| 4. GENDER   | 5. ALSO KNOWN        | A5 (Last, First, Middle)      |   |  | FOR POST USE ONLY         |
| Male Female   |                      |                               |   |  |                           |
| Non-binary  |                      |                               |   |  |                           |
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| Administrative Charge or  | r Investigation      | Other                         |   |  |                           |
| SECTION 3: NOTICE TO SE   | PARATING OFF         | ICER                          |   |  |                           |
| 14. NOTICE TO OFFICER   |                      |                               |   |  |                           |
| The peace officer has been<br>reasons as they understand        |                      |                               |   | Separation to the o  | ommission if the facts an |
| Name of the person prov   | viding notice        |                               |   |  |                           |
| Was the peace officer provide                                   | ded a copy of th     | is completed form             | ? Yes No  |  |                           |
| If yes, what manner was the                                     |                      | -                             |   | ail Certified I  | Mail                      |
|   |                      |                               | Other (Specify)   |  |                           |
| SECTION 4: ATTESTATION<br>15. ATTESTATION OF REPORTIN           | C OFFICIAL           |                               |   |  |                           |
| I certify (or declare) under p                                  |                      | under the laws of             | the State of California the   | t the foregoing is to  | us and somest and that    |
| this affidavit (declaration) wa                                 |                      |                               |   | it are foregoing is tr                                       | de and correct and that   |
| Print Full Name:  |                      |                               | Title:  | Contact No   | umber ( )                 |
| Signature >   |                      |                               |   | Date:  |                           |

#### AFFIDAVIT OF SEPARATION, POST 2-357 (03/2022)

- Includes serious misconduct categories (Sec. 13).
- Signed under penalty of perjury.
  - Wet signature only.
- Required upload in EDI within 10 days of separation of employment.
- The agency must maintain a copy.

| 13. REASON SEPARATION DUE TO MISCONDUCT PER COMMISSION REGULATION 1205         |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Indicate Reason(s) For Discharge Related to Misconduct (Choose all that apply) |  |  |  |  |  |
| ☐ Dishonesty ☐ Abuse of Power ☐ Physical Abuse ☐ Sexual Assault                |  |  |  |  |  |
| ☐ Demonstrating Bias ☐ Egregious Repeated Acts ☐ Law Enforcement Gang          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Failure to Cooperate with Investigation Failure to Intercede                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other  |  |  |  |  |  |

#### State of California – Department of Justice REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION

Peace Officer Information (required section)

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| Reason for requesting review (optional)   |        |      |  |  |
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| You may represent yourself or be represented by a representative of your cho  | osing. |      |  |  |
| I choose to:  |        |      |  |  |
| Represent myself  |        |      |  |  |
| Designate the following representative to act on my behalf during the course of this review.  |        |      |  |  |
| Name  | Phone  |      |  |  |
| Address   | Email  |      |  |  |
| Signature (required section)  |        |      |  |  |
| By signing this form, you are requesting a hearing to determine if reasonable grounds for suspension or revocation exists based on clear and convincing evidence and affirming that the information you provided is true and correct. |        |      |  |  |
| Peace Officer Signature   |        | Date |  |  |
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## **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER, POST 2-359 (03/2022)**

- Any peace officer may voluntarily surrender their certification permanently
- Shall have the same effect as revocation
- Certificate cannot be reactivated
- NDI is notified and included in Annual Report



#### OTHER NOTICES & PUBLICATIONS

#### The Commission shall:

- Publish the names of any peace officer whose certification is suspended or revoked and the basis for the suspension or revocation.
- Shall notify the National Decertification Index (NDI) of the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training of the suspension or revocation.
- Annual Report

#### **ANNUAL REPORT**

- The number of applications for certification and the number of certifications granted or denied.
- The number of events reported pursuant to paragraphs (1) to (5), inclusive, of subdivision (a) of Penal Code Section 13510.9.
- The criteria and process for review and investigation by the Division, the number of reviews, and the number of investigations conducted by the Division.
- The number of notices sent by the Division pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Penal Code Section 13510.85, the number of requests for review received, and the number of suspensions or revocations or denials made pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Penal Code Section 13510.85.
- The number of review hearings held by the Board and Commission and the outcomes of those review hearings.
- The number of administrative hearings held on suspensions or revocations and the number of suspensions or revocations resulting from those hearings.
- Any cases of judicial review of commission actions on suspension or revocation and the result of those cases.
- The number of certifications voluntarily surrendered, and the number placed on inactive status.
- Any compliance audits or reviews conducted and the results of those audits.

### QUESTION AND ANSWER



#### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT POST

https://post.ca.gov/job-opportunities-at-post

- LAW ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS
- BUREAU CHIEFS
- ANALYSTS
- MANAGERS
- HR PROFESSIONALS
- LEGAL STAFF

POST CAREER INFORMATION WEBINAR - MAY 5, 2022 - 10:00AM

**ZOOM REGISTRATION LINK:** 

HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/WEBINAR/REGISTER/WN\_OJ97W-KMR-A6WSRGMVYETQ

# SB 2 FIELD WORKSHOPS



#### More Questions?

Website: www.post.ca.gov/sb-2

Email: SB2@post.ca.gov or

mark.nagel@post.ca.gov



#### 5 Question Survey

https://post.ca.gov/SB-2-Informational-Workshop-Survey

