
PINAL COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MERIT COUNCIL
Minutes
Monday August, 05, 2025

8:00 AM - CALL TO ORDER

PINAL COUNTY EOC Planning & Development
Hearing Room
301 E. 11th Street
Florence, AZ 85132

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Robert Huddleston - Chairperson
- Rick Sanchez, Vice-Chairperson
- Robert Cooper , Council Member
- Tom Hollenbach , Council Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Donna Aversa, Counsel to the Council
- Vina Bustos, Pinal County HR, serving as recording secretary to the Council
- Christine Roberts, Civil Deputy County Attorney, Pinal County Attorney Office
- Sheriff Ross Teeple, Pinal County Sheriff's Office
- Sergeant Dakota McCall, Pinal County Sheriff's Office
- Denis Fitzgibbons, Attorney for Appellant
- Nick Cook, Attorney for Appellant
- Sergeant Richard Drennan, Pinal County Sheriff's Office, Appellant

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson Huddleston called the meeting order at 8:00 am.
2. **Roll Call** – Those present identified themselves. Quorum identified by having 4 members present.
3. **Approval of Minutes** –Vice-Chairperson Sanchez moved to approve meeting minutes from June 3, 2025. Mr. Hollenbach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were signed off by Chairperson Huddleston.
4. Chairman opened the hearing for Richard Drennan's appeal of his demotion from Sg tot Deputy.
5. Appellant is represented by Denis Fitzgibbons and Nick Cook of Fitzgibbons law.
6. PCSO is represented by Christine Roberts of the Pinal County Attorney's Office.

7. The Chairman gave opening comments,
8. Exhibits were admitted on the stipulation of the parties.
9. PCSO and Appellant gave opening statements.
10. PCSO called the following witnesses
 - a) Segreant Dakota McCall
 - b) Deputy Jordan Freeman
 - c) Lieutenant Sergio Ochoa
 - d) Deputy Jeffrey McElwain
 - e) Detective Christopher Crowder
 - f) Captain Adrian Leos
 - g) Bonnie Osinski – Dispatch Supervisor and Training Coordinator
11. Appellant called the following witnesses
 - a. Sergeant Rory Skedel
12. Meeting adjourned for the day at 4:00 pm.

Approved on

Acknowledged by Robert Huddleston