

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JULY 11, 2019

ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A. M. Commissioners present:

Chairman Bob Harrison
Chief Percy Wilburn
Lt. Stacie Rhoads
Mr. Barry Phillips
Dr. Jim Golden
Mr. Thomas Marsh
Mr. Barney Reeves

Commissioner Absent:

Richard Wingard

Others present:

Jami Cook, Director
Fred Weatherspoon, Deputy Director, Training
Brad King, Deputy Director, Standards
Amanda Yarbrough, CLEST Atty.
Charles Moulton, Hearing Officer
Trish Hendrix, Court Reporter
Sue Albritton, CLEST Admin. Assist.
Carl Seymour, Hot Springs School District
Melissa Speers, Jessieville School District
Mark Kizer, Jessieville School district
Dallas Montgomery, Hardy PD
Kelli LaPorte, ASCL
Cody Harper Centerton PD
Bill Hollenback, FSPS
Doug Brubaker, Ft. Smith Public Schools
Eric Huber, Ft. Smith Public Schools
Terry Hagan, Camp Robinson PD
James Paulas, England PD

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KC Starr, Pocahontas PD

Josh Campbell

Glenn Wheeler, Newton Co. SO

Tia Marsh, Ft. Smith

Larry Duggar, Pottsville School District

Joe Paterck, Pottsville Police Dept.

Brent Howard, Mt. View School District

George Bethell, Mt. View PD

Darran Aikens, Eudora PD

Omega Johnson, Eudora PD

Pike Palmer, Kirby School District

Trent Griffith

A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting was made by Commissioner Marsh and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item I: Item one was a request from the Pottsville School District requesting to establish a police department. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Rhoads and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item II: Item two was a request from the Ft. Smith School District requesting to establish its own police department. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Phillips and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item III: Item three was a request from the Mountain View School District to establish its own police department. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Marsh and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item IV: Item four was a request from the Kirby School District to establish its own police department. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Reeves and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item V: Item five was a request from the Jessieville School District to establish its own police department. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Rhoads and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item VI: Item six withdrawn from agenda and not presented.

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Item VII: Item seven was a request from the Pocahontas Police Department requesting an extension for Officer Kent Starr. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Rhoads and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item VIII: Item eight was a request from the Hampton Police Department requesting an extension for Officer Matthew Chance. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Phillips and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item IX: Item nine was a request from the Eudora Police Department for an extension for Officer Omega Johnson. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Wilburn and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion carried.

Item X: Item ten was a request from the Poinsett County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Bobby New. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item XI: Item eleven was a request from the Little Rock Police Department for decertification of former Officer Ahmed Soliman-Motawie. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XII: Item twelve was a request from the Cabot Police Department for decertification of former Officer Cory Don Griffith. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XIII: Item thirteen was a request from the Saline County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Christopher Hunt. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item XIV: Item fourteen was a request from the Saline County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy William Hoolapa. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion carried.

Item XV: Item fifteen was a request from the Arkansas State Police for decertification of former Trooper Donald Johnson. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion carried.

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Item XVI: Item sixteen was a request from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for decertification of former Officer Jonathan Coats. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion carried.

Item XVII: Item seventeen was a request from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Kevin Koonce. Commissioner Marsh made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item XVIII: Item eighteen was a request from the Mena Police Department for decertification of former Officer Howard Arceneaux. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item XIX: Item nineteen was a request from the Warren Police Department for decertification of former Officer Scottie Arrington. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XX: Item twenty was a request from the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Martelle McDonald. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item XXI: Item twenty one was a request from the Arkansas State Police for decertification of former Trooper Clint Vaughan. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion carried.

Item XXII: Item twenty two was a request from the St. Francis County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Justin Jones. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XXIII: Item twenty three was a request from the Faulkner County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Sherman Wayne Petty. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion carried.

Item XXIV: Item twenty four was a request from the Newton County Sheriff's Office to reconsider the decertification of Joshua Campbell. A motion to deny the request was made by Commissioner Wilburn and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Request denied.

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XXV: Item twenty five was a request from the Centerton Police Department to withdraw its request for decertification of former Officer Christopher Cummins. A motion to grant the request to withdraw the request for decertification was made by Commissioner Reeves and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Request was granted.

XXVI: Item twenty six was to review and approve the proposed rule change. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve and accept the rule changes and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

XXVII: Item twenty seven was a request from Dallas Montgomery in regard to his ineligibility for law enforcement for failing to meet minimum standards. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to deny the request and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Request was denied.

XXVIII: Item twenty eight was a request from the England Police Department for an extension for Officer Cody Carpenter. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to grant the extension and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion carried.

XXIX: Item twenty nine was a request from the Camp Robinson Police Department requesting an extension for Officer Tommy Wise. Commissioner Reeves made a motion to grant the extension and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Following the regular meeting, decertification hearings were held with Attorney Charles Moulton presiding and Court Reporter Trish Hendrix recording. The Consent Agreements were as follows; **Brian Key, Daniel Cantwell, Donald Hill, Dana Anderson, and James Todd**. With a motion by Commissioner Rhoads and a second by Commissioner Marsh to accept the Consent Agreements the motion passed. The uncontested hearings were as follows; **Kevin Mackey, Hermon Blackmon and Brandon Johnson**. After considering the evidence given, a motion to decertify was made by Commissioner Rhoads and a second by Commissioner Marsh to decertify these individuals. The vote was unanimous. A contested hearing was held for **Wendi Schuchardt**. After considering the evidence given, a motion to decertify Ms. Schuchardt was made by Commissioner Rhoads and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. The vote was unanimous. A total of nine (9) decertifications were granted.

Immediately following the decertification hearings, the Director reported on the outcome of the 2019 legislative session as it relates to law enforcement and the commission. She reported that the Standards Office, in connection with other state agencies, has developed an online medical marijuana class for law enforcement and, to date, more than 1,900 officers have completed the training. She reported that Act 910 transferred the LESO program under the Department of Public Safety and that

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LESO Coordinator, James Ray, is now located in the Standards Office. She also reminded the commission that the graduation dates for the ALETA NW and ALETA East Camden are July 25th and July 26th.