

**COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 14, 2016**

**ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY**

The meeting of the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training was called to order at 10:04 A. M. Commission members present:

Chairman Bob Harrison  
Chief Percy Wilburn  
Capt. Bobby Walraven  
Sheriff Boyd Hicks  
Sheriff Doc Holladay  
Lt. Stacie Rhoads  
Mr. Barry Phillips  
Mr. Barney Reeves  
Dr. James Golden  
Mr. Thomas Marsh

Others present:

Director Jami Cook  
Deputy Director Fred Weatherspoon  
Interim Deputy Director Brad King  
Brian Marshall, Deputy Director, Retired  
Sara Farris, Asst. Atty. General  
Evelyn Gomez, Hearing Officer  
Linda Parker, Court Reporter  
Sue Albritton, CLEST Secretary  
Gary Buys  
Antione McNair, Pulaski County SO  
Matthew Gentry, Pulaski County SO  
Montie Sims, Dardanelle PD  
Brett Graves, Dardanelle PD  
Perry Wyse, AR State Hospital  
Matt Green, Saline County  
Mary Green, Saline County  
Kelly Green, Saline County

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Kevin S. White, Pulaski County SO

Ed Hollingsworth, Sheriff Hot Spring County

Carmichael Hawkins

Ronnie J. Heard, St. Francis County

J. Fitzpatrick, Saline Co. SO

J. Silk, Saline County SO

The minutes of the October 2015 meeting were approved with a motion by Commissioner Wilburn and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. A Resolution and Presentation was presented to Brian Marshall for his years of service to the Commission. The Resolution granting his service weapon to him in appreciation for his service to the Commission and the State of Arkansas.

ITEM I: A Public hearing was held on proposed new and revised regulations. There were no public comments received. Director Cook reviewed the various changes and questions that had been asked by the Commission. The changes were accepted by the Commission.

ITEM II: At the first meeting of the year it is the duty of the Commission to discuss and vote regarding the Board and Commission Expenses. A motion to accept these expenses was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion passed.

ITEM III: Item three was a request from the Sherwood Police Department for decertification of former Officer Aaron Christ. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion passed.

ITEM IV: Item four was a request from the Conway Police Department for decertification of former Officer Dustin Michael O'Dell. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Walraven and seconded by Commissioner Hicks. The vote was unanimous.

ITEM V: Item five was a request from the Harrison Police Department for decertification of former Officer Michael Sale. A motion made by Commissioner Holladay was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads to go forward with decertification proceedings. Motion passed.

ITEM VI: Item six was a request from the Centerton Police Department requesting decertification of former Officer Colby Miser. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Wilburn and seconded by Commissioner Hicks. The vote was unanimous.

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ITEM VII: The Haskell Police Department requested decertification of former Officer Kyle E. Vaughan. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion passed.

ITEM VIII: Item eight was a request from the Batesville Police Department for decertification of former Officer Wesley G. Davis. After a discussion of the presented information, Commissioner Walraven made a motion to not grant the request or go forward with decertification. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The vote was unanimous not to go forward with decertification.

ITEM IX: Item nine was a request from the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office requesting decertification of former Deputy Scott Hazel. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Wilburn and was seconded by Commissioner Walraven. The vote was unanimous, with Commissioner Holladay recusing.

ITEM X: Item ten was a request from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office requesting decertification of former Deputy MarQuil McLemore. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Holladay and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

ITEM XI: Item eleven was a request from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office requesting decertification of former Deputy Jeremiah Stephens. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion carried.

ITEM XII: Item twelve was from the Hot Springs Village Police Department for decertification of former Officer Steven Kostelic. Commissioner Rhoads made the motion to go forward with decertification and Commissioner Marsh seconded. Motion passed.

ITEM XIII: Item thirteen was a request from the Bentonville Police Department requesting decertification of former Deputy Billy Jason Wood. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Walraven. Motion carried.

ITEM XIV: Item fourteen was a request from the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Michael Browning. Commissioner Wilburn made the motion to go forward with Commissioner Phillips seconding. The motion passed with Commissioner Holladay recusing.

ITEM XV: Item fifteen was a request from the Lamar Police Department requesting decertification of former Officer Joseph David Green. With a motion from Commissioner Holladay and a second by Commissioner Hicks, the Commission voted to go forward with decertification.

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ITEM XVI: Item sixteen was a request from the McCrory Police Department requesting decertification of former Officer Booker T. Pennington. Commissioner Walraven made a motion to go forward with decertification and Commissioner Golden seconded. Motion passed.

ITEM XVII: Item seventeen was a request from the Lonoke Police Department requesting decertification of former Deputy Christopher Hill. After reviewing the information submitted, Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to go forward with decertification proceedings. Commissioner Holladay seconded. Motion passed.

ITEM XVIII: Item eighteen was not presented.

ITEM XIX: Item nineteen was not presented.

ITEM XX: Item twenty was a request from the Arkansas State Hospital requesting an extension for Officer Ramona Williams. Commissioner Walraven made the motion to grant the extension and was seconded by Commissioner Holladay. Motion passed.

ITEM XXI: Item twenty one was a request from Ronnie J. Heard. Mr. Heard had been out of full time law enforcement for longer than the ten years as specified in the Rules and Regulations Manual. Mr. Heard was requesting that his Specialized service be accepted in lieu of full time service. With a motion from Commissioner Wilburn and a second from Commissioner Reeves the Commission voted by a majority vote to deny the request.

ITEM XXII: Item twenty two was a request for decertification of former Deputy Adam Jones from the Pike County Sheriff's Office. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Holladay and a second was made by Commissioner Walraven. Motion passed.

ITEM XXIII: Item twenty three was a request from the Independence County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Zachary Rumans. A motion was made by Commissioner Walraven to go forward with decertification and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Motion passed.

ITEM XXIV: Item twenty four was a request from the Carroll County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Irvin G. Earles. After reviewing the information presented, Commissioner Hicks made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

ITEM XXV: Item twenty five was not presented, as the matter was resolved before the meeting.

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ITEM XXVI: Item twenty six was a request from Chief Montie Sims of the Dardanelle Police Department. Chief Sims said that there had been mistakes made in paper work for Officer Brett Graves and requested that the Commission allow Standards and his department to correct these mistakes. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner Walraven. Request granted.

After the agenda items were presented Director Cook gave an update on the business of the Commission and gave to the Commissioners a copy of the Audit findings for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Director Cook stated that there were no instances of improprieties found in the audit. Director Cook reported that the submission of the proposed changes and new rules and regulations had been sent to the Bureau of Legislative Research and would be on the agenda for the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. A copy of the Attorney General's Guidelines Book was given to all Commissioners. Commissioner Marsh was welcomed as a new Commission member stating that this was his first meeting to attend.

### DECERTIFICATION HEARINGS

During the Decertification Hearings three Consent Agreements were presented. That of **Christopher Crim, Gary Wayne Buys, and Steve Morgan**. Two Uncontested Hearings were presented. That of **Benjamin Gardner and Joseph Burchfield**. All agreements and uncontested hearings were accepted with votes by the Commission. During the contested hearings held, the Commission voted to not decertify **Matthew Green**. In the matter of **Kevin White**, the Commission gave a vote for decertification. Commissioner Holladay recusing from both hearings.