

**COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**August 31, 2017**

**ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY**

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

Chairman Bob Harrison  
Chief Percy Wilburn  
Sheriff Boyd Hicks  
Chief Richard Wingard  
Lt. Staci Rhoads  
Mr. Barry Hicks  
Sheriff Doc Holladay  
Dr. James Golden  
Mr. Barney Reeves

Absent:

Mr. Thomas Marsh

Others present:

Director Jami Cook  
Brad King, Deputy Director Standards  
Fred Weatherspoon, Deputy Director Training  
Sara Farris, Atty. General's Office  
Sue Albritton, CLEST Admin. Assist.  
Dara Hall, Hearing Officer  
Braxton B. Butler, Lafayette County Sheriff's Office  
Dicky Johnson, ACC  
Douglas Braswell, Pawn Shop Commission  
Robert Ephlin, Blytheville PD/2<sup>nd</sup> DTF  
Travis Hill, Pike County SO  
James Harris, Attorney  
Sheel Wright  
Drew Miller, Attorney  
James K. Craddock, Benton County  
Herman S. Greywall, Benton County  
Lacie Kirchner, AG's Office

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The minutes of the July 2017 meeting were approved with a motion by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Reeves.

ITEM I: Item one was a request from the Pike County Sheriff's Office for an extension for Deputy Michael Massey. After a discussion, Commissioner Wilbur made the motion to grant the request for an extension with the stipulation the Deputy Massey not work in any enforcement type of position until training is completed. Commissioner Holladay seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ITEM II: Item two was a request for Braxton Butler in reference to his certification as a Part-time/Auxiliary Officer. After a review of his records and discussion, Commissioner Wilburn made the motion that Mr. Braxton attends a 110 Hour Part time II course to gain his certification. Commissioner Hicks seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM III: Item three was request from the Yell County Sheriff's Office requesting decertification of former Deputy James T. Hodges. A motion by Commissioner Holladay to go forward with decertification was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: Item four was a request from the Mayflower Police Department for decertification of former Officer Jeremy Brown. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Wilburn and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion passed.

ITEM V: Item five was a request from the Springdale Police Department for decertification of former Officer Dustie Smith. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

ITEM VI: Item six was a request from the Jacksonville Police Department for decertification of former Officer Christopher Schultz. Commissioner Hicks made the motion to go forward with decertification. Commissioner Wingard seconded and motion carried.

ITEM VII: Item seven was continued.

ITEM VIII: Item eight was a request from ACC for decertification of former Officer William Ball. Commissioner Rhoads made the motion to go forward and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Motion Carried.

ITEM IX: Item eight was a request from the Haskell Police Department for decertification of former Officer Michael Sealy. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

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Item X: Item ten was a request from the Arkansas State Parks requesting decertification of former Ranger Donald Hilsdon. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion carried.

HEARINGS:

After the conclusion of the regular meeting, two contested hearings were conducted. In the matter of **Fred Wright** the Commission voted to decertify Mr. Wright. In the matter of **Kelly Craddock**, the Commission vote not to decertify Mr. Craddock. Three consent agreements were heard and the vote was unanimous to accept these agreements. **Robert Sanderlin, Carson Addis and Myles Karr** are decertified. Seventeen Uncontested Hearings were heard. **David Allen, Jonathan Babb, Johnny Barnes, Cody Brown, Michael Byrd, Johnathan Dodson, Patrick Kelly, Bobby Kennedy, Joseph McDermott, Howard Meadows, Joseph Mills, Jeremy Pruett, Antwain Robinson, Michael Rowe, Jarrod Taylor, Brandon Watt and Kendrick Perry.** These individuals did not contest the findings of fact and by a unanimous vote all were decertified. These hearings were presided over by Atty. Dara Hall and recorded by Court Reporter Mike Ashcraft.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Director Cook reported that she had attended the funeral of Fallen Officer Braden and that \$5,000 from the Fallen Law Enforcement Officers' Beneficiary Fund would be awarded to his family. Director Cook also reported on the progress of the upgrading of the facilities. The North Dorn renovations are being studied and would soon be underway. The gym and weight training renovations are being done and the weight training room was complete. The reconstruction of the Berm was near completion and was up to the highest standards. Additional security measures are being made and would soon be complete. All Academies are filled and progressing as scheduled as well as the ACC classes. Ms. Cook announced that interviews for an in house attorney were being held and this person would help with the Pawn Brokers Commission as well as our Attorney from the Attorney General's Office for our commission and the Standards Office.