

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 11, 2018

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
Sheriff Doc Holladay
Mr. Barry Phillips
Dr. Jim Golden
Mr. Thomas Marsh
Lt. Staci Rhoads
Mr. Barney H. Reeves

Other present:

Director Jami Cook
Brad King, Deputy Director, Standards
Fred Weatherspoon, Deputy Director Training
Amanda Yarbrough, CLEST Attorney
Sue Albritton, CLEST Administrative Asst.
Trish Hendrix, Court Reporter
Charles Moulton, Hearing Officer
Karen Hicks, Logan County
Danny O'Kelly, Little Rock
Jason Cameron, Conway
Barron Dickson, Beebe PD
Ron Lewis, Beebe, PD
Al Rook, Fulton Co. SO
Tim Haley, Fulton Co. SO
Phillip Miller, White Co. SO
Rick Shourd, White Co. SO
Jeremiah Stephens, Arkadelphia
SSG. Robinson Rearlos, US Army

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Paulette Ward, ASP

Jania Evans, AR Community Correction

David Williams, ASP

By Skype:

Branden Ables

Chief Anthony Wiles

Sharp County Deputy

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with a motion by Commissioner Marsh and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads.

Item I: Item one was to set the meeting dates for the year 2019. Those dates are: January 10th, April 11th, July 11th and October 10th. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to set these and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh.

Item II: Item two was a request from the Beebe Police Department for an extension for Officer Bradley West. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Holladay and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion passed.

Item III: Item three was a request from Danny O’Kelly for permission to take the “Challenge Test”. Commissioner Wilburn made the motion not to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Request was denied.

Item IV: Item four was a request from Jerimiah Stephens regarding the regaining of his certification. Commissioner Hicks made the motion to deny the request and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Request was denied.

Item V: Item five was a request from Jason Cameron requesting the reinstatement of his certification. A motion to deny the request was made by Commissioner Wilburn and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. The request was denied.

Item VI: The Ashley County SO was requesting decertification of former Deputy Robert Young. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Holladay and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion passed.

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Item VII: The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office was requesting decertification of former Deputy Bobby Anderson. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Rhoads and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Motion passed.

Item VIII: Arkansas Community Correction was requesting decertification of former Officer Marcus Washington. Commissioner Phillips made the motion to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion passed.

Item IX: Item nine was a request for decertification of former Officer Jason Butler, from the Little Rock Police Department. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Hicks and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item X: Item ten was a request from the Little Rock Police Department for decertification of Officer Ralph Breshears. The Commission voted to table the request until the outcome of the criminal charges is final.

Item XI: Item eleven was a request from the Stuttgart Police Department for decertification of former Officer Seneca Thornton. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Holladay and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item XII: Item twelve was a request from the England Police Department for decertification of former Sergeant Jared Turner. A motion to go forward was made by Commissioner Rhoads and was seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion passed.

Item XIII: Item thirteen was a request from the Arkansas Community Correction for decertification of former PPO Sabrina Donato. A motion was made by Commissioner Marsh and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks to go forward with decertification. Motion passed.

Item XIV: Item fourteen was a request from the Jacksonville Police Department for decertification of former Officer Kristin Latina. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Holladay and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item XV: Item fifteen was a request from Braden Ables to discuss his expungement that was given in 2006. After reviewing evidence and hearing witness testimony, a motion was made by Commissioner Wilburn to deny the request and uphold CLEST Regulation 1002. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Motion carried.

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Item XVI: Item sixteen was a request from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office for decertification of former Deputy Christopher Fleming. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Marsh and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Motion carried.

Item XVII: Item seventeen was a request from the White County Sheriff's Office requesting an extension for Deputy Dustin Strayhorn. Commissioner Holladay made the motion to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. Motion carried.

Item XVIII: Item eighteen was a request from the ACC for decertification of former Officer Tommie Jones. A motion to go forward with decertification was made by Commissioner Phillips and was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Motion carried.

Item XIX: Item nineteen was a request from the Arkansas State Police for decertification of former Trooper Terral Harsson. A motion was made by Commissioner Hicks to go forward with decertification and was seconded by Commission Wilburn. Motion passed with Commissioner Rhoads recusing.

Item XX: Item twenty was a request for a waiver for former Deputy Tim Hale to regain his status as Reserve Deputy from the Fulton County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Holladay made the motion to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

At the end of the regular business meeting, decertification hearings were held with Hearing Officer Charles Moulton presiding and Court Reporter Trish Hendrix recording. Consent agreements to give up their certifications were granted for **Michael Sealy**, and **Roderick Brown**. Uncontested hearings were heard for: **Daniel Ponder**, **Scott Hazel**, **Jeffery Cross** and **Shirmeka Mallett**. All were decertified by a vote from the commission. A hearing was held for **Deborah Gorham**. After considering all evidence presented, the commission voted to decertify Ms. Gorham. A total of seven decertifications were granted.

There were no recommendations or changes from the Standards Office.

Director's Report: Director Cook reported to the commission that the renovation of the north dorm was completed and the renovation of the south dorm was under way. Director Cook pointed out the construction of a memorial case in the hallway to the north dorm. She stated that the 911 building renovation was near completion. The Director announced the upcoming graduation dates and speakers for these occasions. She stated that the legislative packet had been approved and would be presented to the General Assembly in the next session. Director Cook reported on her recent attendance at the national IACP and IADALEST meetings. The Governor's transformation plan for state government was explained and was unanimously supported.