

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commission members present:

Chairman Doc Holladay
Vice Chairman Barry Phillips
Chief Heath Helton
Dr. Jim Golden
Sheriff Phillip Miller
Mr. Richard Wingard
Chief Mike Reynolds
Mr. Thomas Marsh

Commissioners absent:

Major Stacie Rhoads
Sheriff Lafayette Woods

Others present:

CLEST Director Chris Chapmond
CLEST Deputy Director Fred Weatherspoon
CLEST Deputy Director Brad King
CLEST Attorney Eric Wacaster
Kreasha Williams, DPS Legal Services Specialist
Charles Moulton, Hearing Officer
Trish Hendrix, Court Reporter
Sue Albritton, CLEST Administrative Assistant
Todd Shannon, Bella Vista
Eric Fleming, Searcy
Danny Spears, Searcy
David Kohl, West Memphis
Jessica Burns, West Memphis
Mark Kohl, West Memphis
James Presley, West Memphis PD
Chief Robin Campbell, West Memphis PD

Chief Chris Madden, Marked Tree PD
Det. Payton, Marked Tree PD
Chief Shaun Hildreth, Warren PD
GW Robert Lisenbee, AGFC
Grant Lancaster, ADG
Tony B. Jordan, UAPB PD
Andrew Goodlow, Wabbaseka
Christina Bussey, ASP
Chris Bussey, Hope
Andrew Fuller, Hearing
Johathan Babb, Harrison
Robert Newcomb, Attorney
Brady Gore, ASP
Tiffany Dycus, ASP
Lt. Jamie Gravier, ASP Troop G
Capt. Paulette Ward, ASP, CID
Lt. Marcus Daniels, ASP, OPS
Chief Todd Dew, Magnolia PD
Capt. Michael Caldwell, Magnolia PD
John G. Talley, Magnolia PD

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

Item I: Item one was a request from the City of Wabbaseka to reactivate their police department under ACA 12-9-118. Having met all requirements, a motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Helton. Motion carried.

Item II: Item two was a request from the UAPB Police Department for an extension for Officer Anthony Brown. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Helton and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item III: Item three was a request from the UAPB Police Department for an extension for Officer Sanita Girley. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Helton and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item IV: Item four was withdrawn by the Marked Tree Police Department.

Item V: Item five was a request from the Marked Tree Police Department requesting an extension for Officer Scott Dejarnette. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Helton. Motion carried.

Item VI: Item six was a request from the Warren Police Department requesting an extension for Officer Keith Thompson. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

Item VII: Item seven was a request from AGFC Officer Robert Lisenbee requesting that his time served as an OSI Agent with the U.S. Air Force be accepted toward the issuance of his Advanced Certificate under Rule 1009. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Helton. Motion carried.

Item VIII: Item eight was a request from the West Memphis Police Department requesting to rescind the decertification request for David Kohl. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item IX: Item nine was a request for recertification under CLEST Rule 1034 by Eric Fleming. A motion to deny the request was made Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item X: Item ten was a request for recertification under CLEST Rule 1034 by Michael Rhodes. A motion to deny the request due to the absence of Mr. Rhodes, was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XI: Item eleven was a request for recertification under CLEST Rule 1034 by Brian Cooper. A motion to deny the request due to the absence of Mr. Cooper, was made by Commissioner Marsh and seconded by Commissioner Helton. Motion carried.

Item XII: Item twelve was a request for recertification under CLEST Rule 1034 by Jonathan Babb. A motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Marsh and seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried.

Item XIII: Item thirteen was a request for recertification under CLEST Rule 1034 by Todd Shannon. There was no motion to grant the request, therefore the request was denied.

Item XIV: Item fourteen was a request from the White County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former Deputy Darrell Barber. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Marsh and seconded by Commissioner Helton. Motion carried. Commissioner Miller recusing.

Item XV: Item fifteen was a request from the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former Deputy Carlos Hussian. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Helton and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XVI: Item sixteen was a request from the Rogers Police Department for the decertification of former Officer Christian Lamborn. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried.

Item XVII: Item seventeen was a request from the Pine Bluff Police Department for the decertification of former Officer Sergeant Patterson. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Marsh and seconded by Commissioner Helton. Motion carried.

Item XVIII: Item eighteen was a request from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former Deputy Dustin Peterson. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Motion carried.

Item XIX: Item nineteen was a request from the Division of Law Enforcement Standards and Training for the decertification of former CLEST Agent Tony Madlock. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Marsh and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting, decertification hearings were held. Five (5) Uncontested Hearings were conducted for **Henry Topps, Crystal Walker, Isaias Ramirez, Vincent McCullough, and William Willard**. Commissioner Miller made a motion that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law had been met and to decertify. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried. Contested Hearings were held for **John Talley, Christopher Bussey, Jason Murphy, and Zachary Guest**. After hearing all testimony given and evidence presented, a motion was made by Commissioner Marsh that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law had been met and to decertify **Christopher Bussey**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried. After hearing the evidence presented and testimony given, a motion was made by Commissioner Phillips that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law had been met but did not rise to decertification for John Talley. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried. **John Talley** was not decertified. After hearing all evidence presented, a motion was made by Commissioner Helton that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law had been met and to decertify **Jason Murphy**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried. After hearing all evidence presented, a motion was made by Commissioner Marsh that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law had been met and to decertify **Zachary Guest**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helton. Motion carried. All hearings were presided over by Hearing Officer Charles Moulton and recorded by Trish Hendrix. A total of eight (8) officers were decertified and one (1) officer was not decertified.

At the conclusion of the hearings, a motion was made by Commissioner Marsh and seconded by Commissioner Wingard to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The executive session was concluded with no action taken and the meeting was adjourned.