

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 2022

ARKANSAS STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS

Meeting called to order at 10:00 A. M.

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Percy Wilburn
Vice Chairman Doc Holladay
Mr. Thomas Marsh
Mr. Barry Phillips
Mr. Richard Wingard
Major Stacie Rhoads
Sheriff Lafayette Woods
Dr. James Golden
Sheriff Phillip Miller

Commissioner absent:

Chief Mike Reynolds

Others present:

Lacey Roughton, UALR
Tia Marsh, Ft. Smith
Timothy Releford
Jeremiah Stephens
George Blair, Crittenden Co. SO
Jamin Crawford, Crittenden Co. SO
Jared Bassham, BRTC LETA
Todd Gray, Turrell Police Dept.
Perry Jennings, Turrell Police Dept.
Jim Check, ADC/ACC
Kris Haney, ADC/ACC
Garnet Whitten, PCSO
J. R. Hankins, CLEST Director
Brad King, CLEST Deputy Director
Amanda Yarbrough, DPS Attorney
Kreasha Williams, DPS Legal Services Specialist
Brian Johnson, CLEST Agent

Sue Albritton, CLEST Admin Assistant
Charles Moulton, Hearing Officer
Bonnie Parker, Court Reporter

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2022, meeting was made by Commissioner Rhoads and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item I: Item one was to set the dates for the 2023 Commission meetings. The proposed dates were January 12, Camden; March 8, Little Rock; May 11, Camden; July 12, Little Rock; September 14, Camden; and November 8, Little Rock. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to accept these dates and was seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

Item II: Item two was a request from Jeremiah Stephens to be recertified under CLEST Rule 1034. Commissioner Miller made a motion to deny the request and was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion carried.

Item III: Item three was a request from John Couch to be recertified under CLEST Rule 1034. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to deny the request and was seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

Item IV: Item four was a request from Daniel Cartwright to be recertified under CLEST Rule 1034. Commissioner Woods made a motion to deny the request and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item V: Item five was a request from the Turrell Police Department requesting to withdraw its request for decertification of officer Perry Jennings. Commissioner Rhoads made a motion to deny the request and move forward with a hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item VI: Item six was a request for a waiver of CLEST Rule 1005 for Deputy Jamin Crawford after he was dismissed from the Black River Training Academy. Commissioner Holladay made a motion to grant the request and was seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

Item VII: Item seven was a request from the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office to withdraw its request for decertification of officer Samuel Brandon. Commissioner Miller made a motion to deny the request and move forward with a hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item VIII: Item eight was a request from the Pulaski County Detention Center for the decertification of former deputy Jecairr Dailey. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

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Item IX: Item nine was a request from the Lonoke County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former deputy Terren Clark. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried.

Item X: Item ten was a request from the Lonoke County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former deputy Michael Davis. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XI: Item eleven was a request from the West Memphis Police Department for the decertification of former officer James Gilkey. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Marsh and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item XII: Item twelve was a request from the Little Rock Police Department for the decertification of former officer Alexander Sanders. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XIII: Item thirteen was a request from the Faulkner County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former officer Keanna Hill. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Marsh and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item XIV: Item fourteen was a request from the Pine Bluff Police Department for the decertification of former officer Sidney Dowd. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XV: Item fifteen was a request from the Bryant Police Department for the decertification of former officer Patrick Copeland. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads. Motion carried.

Item XVI: Item sixteen was a request from the Ward Police Department for the decertification of former officer Michael Barton. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

Item XVII: Item seventeen was a request from the Johnson Police Department for the decertification of former officer Patrick Villines. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried.

Item XVIII: Item eighteen was a request from the Clinton Police Department for the decertification of former officer Joshua Patterson. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

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Item XIX: Item nineteen was a request from the Fort Smith Police Department for the decertification of former officer Jamar Cummings. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried.

Item XX: Item twenty was a request from the Pulaski County Regional Detention Facility for the decertification of former deputy Shey Cope. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XXI: Item twenty-one was a request from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former deputy Levi White. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Holladay and seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried.

Item XXII: Item twenty-two was a request from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office for the decertification of former deputy Zachary King. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Marsh and seconded by Commissioner Wingard. Motion carried.

Item XXIII: Item twenty-three was a request from the Hope Police Department for the decertification of former officer Jonathan Dykes. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried.

Item XXIV: Item twenty-four was a request from the Stamps Police Department for the decertification of former officer Machel Pounders. A motion to proceed to a decertification hearing was made by Commissioner Wingard and seconded by Commissioner Holladay. Motion carried.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting, uncontested hearings were held for **Cory Crane, Nicholas James, Omar Gonzales, and Ashley Edwards**. After hearing all evidence, Commissioner Rhoads 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. A contested hearing was held for **Autumn Faulkner**. After hearing all evidence, Commissioner Rhoads made a motion that the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law had been met and to decertify. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marsh. Motion carried. A total of **five (5)** individuals were decertified. The hearings were presided over by Hearing Officer Charles Moulton and recorded by Court Reporter Bonnie Parker.

Director's Report

Director Hankins announced that he would be attending graduations at Northwest ALETA, Black River LETA, and ALETA in the coming weeks. He will also be attending the 2023 Sheriff's school on December 12th. He reported that the Department of Public Safety budget has been approved, that discussions are ongoing to conduct a third basic academy class at Central ALETA, and that the CLEST Education Coordinator will be returning full-time in December. He also reported that the contract with DHS for the Agent position would likely be renewed and that the Jail Administrator Agent position has been filled.