

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 17, 2015

The meeting of the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training was called to order at 10:02 A. M. Commissioners present:

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

Commissioner Absent:
Cecil Greene

Others present:
Director Jami Cook
Brian Marshall, Deputy Director, Standards
Fred Weatherspoon, Deputy Director, Training
Sara Farris, Attorney General's Office
Sue Albritton, CLEST Secretary
Paulette Ward, ASP
Jeff Whittle, ASP
Jeremy Hanson
Dexter Holmes

Item I: Item one was a request from the Arkansas Highway Police for an extension for Officer Natasha Williams due to a medical problem. Commissioner Holladay made the motion to grant the request and Commissioner Wilburn seconded. The vote was unanimous to grant the request.

Item II: Item two was a request from the Crossett Police Department for an extension for Officer Arnell Rhinehart. Commissioner Reeves made the motion to grant the request and allow Mr. Rhinehart to attend the next basic class. Commissioner Wilburn seconded. Motion passed.

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Item III: Item three was from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office requesting an extension for Deputy Billy Berryhill who was injured during his first week in the academy. Commissioner Holladay made the motion to grant the request. Commissioner Rhoades seconded. Motion passed.

Item IV: Item four was to reconsider the vote to go forward with decertification of Stanley Craig Moore. After a discussion a motion to rescind the April vote was made by Commissioner Reeves. Commissioner Walraven seconded the motion. Motion passed to not go forward with decertification.

Item V: Item five was in regard to Randal Robinson's conviction of charges against him in the court of law for drug charges. Commissioner Walraven made a motion to give a vote for decertification. Commissioner Wilburn seconded. Motion passed. Randal Robinson is decertified.

In the decertification hearings held: Uncontested hearings for Naaman Adcock, Samuel Baker, Christopher Drye, Joel Hand, Randy Jackson, Steven Mitchell, Dustin Reding, William Russell, Donna Spaght, and Jason Cameron were all voted on to be decertified. In the Contested hearings Jack Fitzhugh was granted a continuance and Steve Morgan was postponed until trial completed. Jeremy Hanson was not decertified due to lack of support from the department. Dexter Holmes' hearing resulted in a vote for decertification.

Director Cook gave comments on the IADLEST Conference that the Director and Deputy Training Director Weatherspoon attended and reported that they felt Arkansas was in good condition compared to most other states. She stated that IADLEST has a National Certification Program and asked that the Commission support this program and for Arkansas to participate and it did so with a unanimous vote to participate. Director Cook gave a report on the progress of the ACADIS System and stated that updates will come when funding is available. She stated that ALETA has one instructor position open and that a Training Supervisor position has been approved. Dr. Golden gave a report on his work on the Curriculum Review that he and his department are working on. She reported that the Governor will be the guest speaker for the July 31 graduation and Attorney General Rutledge will speak at the December graduation. Director Cook stated that the auditor has been here and the report would be forthcoming. Also the year end was coming to a close and that the new range is on hold and the old one is being fixed up. She thanked the Commission for their support and stated that the new rules and regulations manual is nearing completion and will be submitted to the Governor soon.